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OF THE

CONVENTION of the PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE

Diocess of South-Carolina.

A MEETING OF

The Vestries of St. Philip's and St. Michael's Churches.

CHARLESTON, SOUTH-CAROLINA.

At a joint meeting of the Vestries of St. Philip's and St. Michael's Churches, February 8th, 1785:

PRESENT.

Vestry of St. Philip's Church.—The Rev. Robert Smith, Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, Daniel Cannon, Hugh Rutledge, William Hasell Gibbes, William Doughty, and John Splatt Cripps.

Vestry of St. Michael's Church.—The Rev. Henry Purcell, Edward Blake, and William Gibbs.

The Rev. Robert Smith stated, that, he had received a Letter from Dr. William Smith, enclosing recommendations of a Convention of Clergymen and Lay Deputies of the Pro. Epis. Church in U. S. A. which he begged leave now to submit. Agreed that the same be read.

"At a Convention of Clergymen and Lay Deputies of the Pro. Epis. Church in the U. S. A. held in New-York, Oct. 6th and 7th, 1784:

PRESENT AS FOLLOWS:

"*Massachusetts and Rhode Island.*—The Rev. Samuel Parker, A. M.

"*Connecticut.*—The Rev. John R. Marshall, A. M.

"*New-York.*—The Rev. Samuel Provoost, A. M. Rev. Abraham Beach, A. M. Rev. Benjamin Moore, A. M. Rev. Joshua Bloomer, A. M. Rev. Leonard Cutting, A. M. Rev. Thomas Moore, Hon. James Duane, Marinus Willet, Esq. John Alsop, Esq.

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SECOND CONVENTION

Of the Pro. Epis. Church in South-Carolina, held in Charleston, July 12, 1785.

CHARLESTON, July 12th, 1785.

At a Meeting of the following Deputies from the Vestries of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of South-Carolina, held at Charleston:

St. Philip's—The Rev. Robert Smith, Hugh Rutledge, Daniel Cannon.

St. Michael's—The Rev. Henry Purcell, Roger Smith.

St. James', Goose-Creek—The Rev. Mr. Ellington, Peter Smith.

St. James', Santee—Daniel Horry.

St. Bartholomew—William Skirving.

St. George, Dorchester—Ralph Izard, Jun.

Prince George, Winyaw—Job Rothmahler.

St. John's, Colleton—William Matthews, Richard Muncreef, Jun.

On Motion, *Resolved*; that a Chairman be appointed; Whereupon, Hugh Rutledge, Esq. was requested to take the Chair.

The recommendations from the Convention of Clergymen and Lay-Deputies of the Pro. Epis. Church in the U. S. A. held in New-York, last October, having been read: It was agreed,

That not more than six Deputies be appointed, to represent the Pro. Epis. Church of this State, at the general Convention of Clergymen and Lay-Deputies of the Pro. Epis. Church in the U. S. A. to be held at Philadelphia, the Tuesday before the feast of St. Michael, next; three of whom may proceed on the business proposed for deliberation in the said Recommendations—That five of them be immediately chosen; one at least to be a Clergyman; and that he be allowed £80, to defray his expenses.

The following Gentlemen were accordingly elected, viz:

The Rev. Robert Smith, the Hon. Jacob Read, the Hon. Charles Pinckney, the Hon. John Bull, the Hon. John Kean.

Agreed, that a sixth person may hereafter be nominated by the chairman, if necessary.

The Rev. Robert Smith stated, that from the peculiar situation of his family, he declined going to Philadelphia, and requested that another person might be elected.

The Rev. Henry Purcell was then elected in his place.

On motion, *Resolved*; That the Deputies be left to act according to their judgement; but they are requested to endeavour to have any future Convention, held in the beginning of August.

THIRD CONVENTION

Of the Pro. Epis. Church in So. Ca. held in Charleston, April 26, 1786.

CHARLESTON, April 26, 1786.

At a Meeting of the Deputies from the Vestries of the Pro. Epis. Churches, in the State of So. Ca. held at Charleston;

St. Philip's—The Rev. Robert Smith, the Rev. Thomas Frost, Daniel Cannon, William Hasell Gibbes.

St. Michael's—The Rev. Dr. Purcell, Roger Smith.

St. Paul's—Doctor Haig, William Mell, John Farr.

St. Bartholomew's—William Skirving, John Croskeys.

St. Thomas and St. Dennis—The Rev. William Smith, Dr. John Symes, Hopson Pinckney.

Prince William's—John Lightwood.

St. Mark's—Col. Isha Moore, Col. Singleton.

St. James', Goose-Creek—The Rev. Edward Ellington, Peter Smith.

St. John's, Berkley—Keating Simons, Mr. Gourdin.

On motion, *Resolved*, that a chairman be elected; whereupon, the Rev. Robert Smith, was elected, and took the chair accordingly.

On motion, *Resolved*, that a Secretary be appointed, whereupon William Hasell Gibbes, agreed to act at the present meeting.

On motion, *Resolved*, that a committee be appointed to form a constitution for the Associated Pro. Epis. Churches in this State; whereupon, the following gentlemen were appointed:

The Rev. Dr. Purcell, the Rev. Edward Ellington, Dr. Jones, Roger Smith, William Hasell Gibbes.

On motion, *Resolved*, that the Ecclesiastical Constitution as agreed on at the General Convention, held at Philadelphia, from Sept. 27, to Oct. 7, 1785, be now read; and which is as follows:

"Rule 1. That there shall be a General Convention of the Pro. Epis. Church in the U. S. A. which shall be held in the city of Philadelphia, the third Tuesday in June, in the year of our Lord, 1786; and forever after, once in three years, on the third Tuesday in June, in such place as shall be determined on by the Convention; and special meetings may be held at such other times, and in such other places, as shall be hereafter provided for; and this Church in a majority of the States aforesaid, shall be represented before they proceed to business; except that the representation of this Church from two States, shall be sufficient to adjourn; and in all the business of the Convention, freedom of debate shall be allowed.

"2. There shall be a representation of both Clergy and Laity of the Church in each state, which shall consist of one or more

Deputies, not exceeding four of each Order; and in all questions the said Church in each state, shall have one vote; and a majority of suffrages shall be conclusive.

"3. In the said Church, in every state represented in this Convention, there shall be a Convention consisting of the Clergy and Lay Deputies of the congregations.

"4. The Book of Common Prayer and Administration of the Sacraments, and other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church according to the use of the Church of England,' shall be continued to be used in this Church, as the same is altered by this Convention in a certain instrument of writing passed by their authority, entitled, 'Alterations of the Liturgy of the Pro. Epis. Church in the U. S. A. in order to render the same conformable to the American Revolution, and the Constitution of the respective States.'

"5. In every state where there shall be a Bishop duly consecrated and settled, and who shall have acceded to the Articles of this General Ecclesiastical Constitution, he shall be considered as a member of the Convention, *ex officio*.

"6. The Bishop, or Bishops, in every state shall be chosen agreeably to such rules as shall be fixed by the respective Conventions, and every Bishop of this Church shall confine the exercise of his Episcopal office to his proper jurisdiction; unless requested to Ordain or Confirm by any Church destitute of a Bishop.

"7. A Pro. Epis. Church in any of the United States not now represented, may at any time hereafter be admitted, on acceding to the Articles of this Union.

"8. Every Clergyman, whether Bishop, or Presbyter, or Deacon, shall be amenable to the authority of the Convention in the state to which he belongs, so far as relates to suspension or removal from office; and the Convention in each state, shall institute rules for their conduct and an equitable mode of trial.

"9. And whereas it is represented to this Convention to be the desire of the Pro. Epis. Churches in these states, that there may be no further alterations of the Liturgy than such as are made necessary by the American Revolution—Therefore the Book of Common Prayer and Administration of the Sacraments and other rites and ceremonies of the Church, according to the use of the Church of England, as altered by an instrument of writing, passed under the authority of this Convention, entitled, 'Alterations in the Book of Common Prayer and Administrations of the Sacraments and other rites and ceremonies of the Church, according to the use of the Church of England, proposed and recommended to the Pro. Epis. Church in the U. S. A.' shall be used in this Church, when the same shall have been ratified by the Conventions which have respectively sent Deputies to this General Convention.

"10. No person shall be Ordained, or permitted to officiate as Minister in this Church, until he shall have subscribed the following Declaration: 'I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, to be the Word of God, and to contain all things necessary to Salvation. And I do solemnly engage to conform to the Doctrines and worship of the Pro. Epis. Church as settled and

determined in the Book of Common Prayer, and Administration of the Sacraments, set forth by the General Convention of the Pro. Epis. Church in these U. S.'

"11. This General Ecclesiastical Constitution, when ratified by the Church in the different states, shall be considered as fundamental; and shall be unalterable by the Convention of the Church in any state."

On motion, the following Resolutions entered into by the Convention held at Philadelphia, were also read:

"1. That the Liturgy shall be used in this Church as accommodated to the Revolution, agreeably to the alterations now approved of and ratified by this Convention.

"2. That the fourth of July shall be observed by this Church for ever, as a day of Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the inestimable blessings of Religious and Civil Liberty vouchsafed to the U. S. A.

"3. That the first Thursday in Nov. in every year for ever, shall be observed by this Church, as a day of General Thanksgiving to Almighty God, for the fruits of the earth, and all the other blessings of his Merciful Providence."

On motion, Resolved, that the above Rules and Resolutions be now taken into consideration.

Rule 1. Agreed to; except as to the time of meeting, which is recommended to be held in July or August.

Rule 2 & 3. Agreed to.

Rule 4. On motion, Resolved, that the further consideration of this Rule be postponed, and that it be referred to a committee, to consider of, and suggest, alterations of the Liturgy to be adopted by the Epis. Churches in the American States, and that they report to the next Convention.

Rule 5. Agreed to.

Rule 6. Objected to; so far as relates to the establishment of a Bishop in South-Carolina. But recommend that the word *State* be inserted between the words *respective* and *Conventions.*

Rule 7. That the words, *consisting of three or more Churches,* be inserted immediately after the words, *Protestant Episcopal Church,* in the first line.

Rule 8. Agreed to.

Rule 9. Referred to the committee on the 4th Rule.

Rule 10. Agreed to. But recommend the following alteration be inserted immediately after the word *Ordained,* in the first line, viz: *until due examination had by the Bishop and two Presbyters, and exhibiting testimonials of his moral conduct for two years past, signed by the Minister and three of the Vestry of the Church where he last resided; or permitted to officiate as a Minister in this Church until he has exhibited his letters of Ordination, and have subscribed according to the 10th article.*

Rule 11. Agreed to.

Resolution 1. Suspended for the report of the committee on the 4th and 9th Rules.

Resolution 2 & 3. Agreed to.

On motion, Resolved, that a committee be appointed to consider of, and report on the 4th and 9th Rules, and on the first Resolution.

Whereupon, the Rev. Rob. Smith, Rev. Dr. Purcell, Rev. Ed. Ellington, Dr. Jones, and Roger Smith, were appointed accordingly.

On motion, Resolved, that Deputies be appointed to the General Convention to be held at Philadelphia, on the third Tuesday in June next, on behalf of the several Churches represented in this Convention.

Whereupon, the following gentlemen were appointed: The Rev. Robert Smith, Charles Pinckney, John Parker, John Kean, Esqrs.

On motion, Resolved, that each Church now represented in this Convention, or that may be represented in the next Convention, do provide *eighteen guineas* each, towards defraying any expenses that may be incurred in the prosecution of the business for which this Convention is appointed.

On motion, Resolved, that this Convention will provide *eighty guineas* towards defraying the expenses of the Rev. Robert Smith, appointed to attend the General Convention in Philadelphia.

The Convention adjourned to meet on Monday the 29th day of May next.

FOURTH CONVENTION

Of the Pro. Epis. Church in So. Ca. held in Charleston, May 29, 30 and 31, 1786.

CHARLESTON, May 29, 1786.

At a Meeting of the Deputies from the Vestries of the Pro. Epis: Churches in the State of So. Ca. held this day; the Rev. Robert Smith took the chair; but a sufficient number of Deputies from the respective Churches not being present, to proceed to business, the meeting was, on motion, adjourned until to-morrow.

MAY 30, 1786.

The following Deputies met this day according to adjournment. The Rev. Mr. Smith in the chair.

St. Philip's—The Rev. Robert Smith, the Rev. Thomas Frost, Daniel Cannon, William H. Gibbes.

St. Michael's—The Rev. Dr. Purcell, Roger Smith.

St. Thomas and St. Dennis—The Rev. William Smith, Dr. John Symes, Hopson Pinckney.

Prince William's—Col. Benjamin Garden.

St. James', Goose-Creek—The Rev. Edward Ellington, Peter Smith.

St. Bartholomews'—John Julius Pringle.

On motion, *Resolved*, that the Deputies do produce testimonials of their appointments from their respective Churches; whereupon, satisfactory testimonials were produced.

The committee appointed at the last Convention to draft a Constitution, made a Report, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

On motion, *Resolved*, that a committee be appointed to draft a preface to the Rules; whereupon, the Rev. Dr. Purcell, and the Rev. Ed. Ellington were appointed accordingly.

On motion, *Resolved*, that the committee for revising and suggesting alterations of the Liturgy of the Church of England, do now report; which being accordingly read, was taken into consideration; but before it was gone through, the Convention adjourned until to-morrow at 9 o'clock.

MAY 31, 1786.

The Convention met according to adjournment. William Day, Esq. took his seat as a Delegate from St. Bartholomew's.

The Convention resumed the consideration of the Report of the Committee for revising the Liturgy of the Church of England; which being read, is as follows:

"The committee appointed to examine the alteration of the Liturgy, as set forth by the General Convention held at Philadelphia; Report,

"That the punctuation throughout, be critically attended to.

"The first introductory sentence to be adopted, and expunge the rest. And after reading the *first*, proceed to the Apostles' creed, and there leave out the word *again*, between the words *rose* and *from*. But if the whole of the introductory sentences as they now stand, should be approved, the words, *God is*, instead of *He is*, to be used in the concluding one. At the conclusion of the address to the congregation, after the word *saying*, omit the words *after me*. The Declaration to remain as in the original absolution, only expunging the word *power*. The Lord's Prayer to be transposed after the words in the Litany, *neither reward us after our Iniquities*. The sentences after the Lord's Prayer to be expunged, except the *two first*; and the *Venite* to conclude with the *Gloria Patri*. In the *Te Deum*, instead of *pure Virgin*, read *the Blessed*, and add the word *most*, between *thy* and *precious blood*. And instead of *as our Trust*, read *for our Trust*. The *Benedictus* to be omitted. After the *Jubilate* expunge the sentences, *O Lord blesss &c. &c.* and *mercifully hear, &c.* Before the Litany add to the Rubric in Italics, to correspond with our mode of praying for the sick. When the prayers of the congregation are desired for a sick person or persons, the Minister shall say, *The prayers of this Congregation are desired for, &c.* In the Litany expunge after *others in authority*, the words *Legislative, Executive and Judicial*. Instead of *women in childbirth*, read *all women through the Perils of childbirth*. Use the words *young children*, before *all sick persons;* with an asterisk * of accommodation, when any body particularly desires the prayers of the

congregation, and to be printed as in the *prayer for all conditions of men.* In the last response immediately before the prayer, *We humbly beseech thee*, instead of *as we*, read, *for we do put, &c.*

"EVENING SERVICE. The first sentence and Belief as in the Morning Service. The *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis* to be omitted. The *Gloria Patri* to be used at the conclusion of *Deus misereatur.* Then proceed to the versicles before the Lord's Prayer, *The Lord be with you*, and go on with the Lord's Prayer, &c. till you come to *bless and preserve these states*, which omit, but use all the rest, and then begin the prayers with the Collect for the Day, as in the old form, 3d Collect. The Collect in old Liturgy to be retained. Prayer for *Clergy and People*, add after *Bishops*, the word *Priests.* The Prayer for fair weather, to be altered as follows: *O Almighty and Merciful God, although we for our Iniquities have worthily deserved a plague of rain and waters, yet of thy bountiful goodness, send us, we beseech thee, such favourable weather,* &c.

"COMMUNION SERVICE. Part of the Rubrick at the conclusion of this service (as now printed) to be transposed, and make it the first rubric at the beginning of the service. Expunge the word *and*, before *if any of the Consecrated.* In the Exhortation, *Dearly beloved in the Lord*, instead of *Guilty of the blood*, &c. use a Colon after unworthily, and read thus; *for thereby we profane the Body and Blood*, &c.

"PUBLIC BAPTISM. In the four petitions for the Child's sanctification, read thus; *O! merciful God grant that all carnal affections may die in this child, and that all things*, &c. The third wholly approved of. The fourth, omit the words *by our office and ministry.* These alterations will apply to Baptism of such as are of Riper Years. In the consecration of the water, instead of *therein*, read *therewith* (in Italicks). In Rubrick, expunge, *and warily.*

"CATECHISM. Make this alteration in explication of Lord's Prayer. Instead of words *Ghostly and Bodily*, read *dangers spiritual and temporal*; and expunge, *from our Ghostly enemy.* To preserve the analogy in the answer, *of what is the outward visible sign or form in Baptism*, read, *water wherewith*, instead of *water wherein.*

"CONFIRMATION. Omit the word *Ghostly.*

"MATRIMONY. After the words, *Dearly beloved* in the Exhortation, read as follows, *the holy Estate of Matrimony instituted of God, is not by any to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly, but reverently and discreetly, in the fear of God. I therefore require and charge*, &c. till you come to the word *coupled*, which read *united otherwise than God's word doth allow, their marriage is not lawful.* Expunge the Rubrick, between the mutual stipulation of the Man and Woman. For if the man with his right hand takes the woman by her right hand, they have consequently a mutual hold on each other. On putting the ring on the woman's finger, say, *with this Ring I thee wed, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.*

"BURIAL. That the Lesson is not printed at large; recommend that it be.

"Expunge in the Interment, *lying before us*. Quere? Whether the words, *as our Hope is this our Brother doth*, is not a typographical omission.

"FOURTH OF JULY. Expunge the words in the Collect, *all Churches of the Saints*.

"SERVICE AT SEA. Last Collect; instead of, *in our lives*, read thus, *such as may appear by an humble, holy and obedient life, before thee all our days*.

"ART. 1. Expunge the word *both*, before *visible*; ditto after *man's nature* read thus, *by humbling himself to be born of the blessed Virgin, and thereby became God and Man in one Christ*.

"ART. 2. At the conclusion, omit the word *of*, and read *was never doubted in the Church*.

"ART. 3. Add the words *though and*, after mankind.

"ART. 16. Instead of *Christian men*, read *Christians*.

Signed, "HENRY PURCELL,
"Rector of St. Michael's.
"EDWARD ELLINGTON,
"Rector of St. James', Goose-Creek.
"ROBERT SMITH."

The Report being gone through, and the alterations suggested being approved, the Deputies to the General Convention are desired to use their endeavours to get them adopted, at the next meeting, on the 3d Tuesday in June.

On motion, Resolved, that the Liturgy, as altered by the Convention held at Philadelphia in September last, be used in the Pro. Epis. Church in this state, on Sunday next, being Whitsunday.

The committee appointed to draft a Preface to the Constitution, made a report; which was read, and agreed to.

The Convention then proceeded to the consideration of the Constitution; which being read by paragraphs, was unanimously agreed to, as follows:

"WHEREAS in all Societies professing Christianity, the promotion of religion should primarily engage their sincere attention, as being the sure and only means of rendering them acceptable to Almighty God, and of deriving his blessing upon the community at large: AND WHEREAS agreeably to the constitution of this state, 'all persons or religious societies who acknowledge that there is one God and a future state of rewards and punishments, and that God is publicly to be worshipped, shall be freely tolerated:'

"WE, the subscribers, by virtue of the commission and powers to us duly delegated by the Vestries of our respective Protestant Episcopal Churches, do, on behalf of the said Churches associate and obligate ourselves to an observance of the following Articles as fundamental and essential:

"ART. 1. That the Pro. Epis. Church in these states is, and ought to be, independent of all foreign authority, Ecclesiastical or Civil.

"ART. 2. That it hath, and ought to have, in common with all other religious societies, full and exclusive powers to regulate the concerns of its own communion.

"ART. 3. That the doctrines of the Gospel be maintained as now professed by the Church of England, and uniformity of worship be continued, as near as may be, to the Liturgy of the said Church.

"ART. 4. That the succession of the Ministry be agreeable to the usage which requireth the three Orders of Bishops, Priests and Deacons (with an exception however to the establishing of Bishops in this state,)* that the rights and powers of the same be respectively ascertained, and that they be exercised according to reasonable laws to be duly made.

"ART. 5. That to make Regulations, Rules and Laws, there be no other authority than that of a Representative Body of Clergy and Laity conjointly.

"ART. 6. That no power be delegated to a General Ecclesiastical Government, except such, as cannot be exercised by the Clergy and Vestries, in their respective Congregations.

"Done in the City of Charleston, the 31st day of May, 1786.

"Witness our hands.

"ROBERT SMITH, Rector of St. Philip's Church,
"THOMAS FROST,
"DANIEL CANNON,
} Deputies for St. Philip's Church, Charleston.

"1786. May 31. HENRY PURCELL, Rector of St. Michael's Church,
ROGER SMITH,
} Deputies for St. Michael's Church.

"1795. Feb. 10. HUGH FRASER,
ANTHONY WHITE,
} Deputies from Prince Frederick.

"JAMES CONNOR, Deputy from Edisto Island.

"1786. May 31. EDWARD ELLINGTON, Rector of St. James', G. Ck.
PETER SMITH,
} Deputies from St. James' Church, Goose-Creek.

"WILLIAM SMITH, Rector of St. Thomas and St. Dennis,
"JOHN SYME,
"HOPSON PINCKNEY,
} Deputies for St. Thomas' Church.

"JOHN J. PRINGLE,
"WILLIAM DAY,
} Deputies from St. Bartholomew's Church.

"BENJAMIN GARDEN, } Deputy from Prince William's Church.

"1787. Feb. 22. THOMAS MILLS, Rector of St. Andrew's Parish,
JAMES LADSON,
} Deputies for St. Andrew's Church.

"STEPHEN C. LEWIS, Rector of St. Helena, } Deputy for the Parish of St. Helena.

"1789. May 8. CHRISTOPHER GADSDEN, } For the Church of Prince George, Winyaw.

* See Journal of February 10, 1795.

" JOHN GIBBS, } For St. John's Parish,
" WILLIAM BRISBANE, } Colleton County.
" JOHN SANDFORD DART, } For the Epis. Church of Chr. Church Parish.

Resolved, that in case of absence of any of the Deputies appointed to the General Convention in Philadelphia, the Deputy or Deputies there appearing, shall have full power and authority to nominate and appoint any citizen or citizens of this state to sit in Convention.

On motion, *Resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to form such Rules and Regulations as may be necessary for the government of the Episcopal Church in this State, this day associated; and to report at the next Convention.

Whereupon, the following gentlemen were appointed: Dr. Purcell, Rev. Mr. Ellington, Roger Smith, Dr. Jones, John Julius Pringle, and William Hasell Gibbes.

Adjourned to the third Tuesday in February next.

FIFTH CONVENTION

Of the Pro. Epis. Church in So. Ca. held in Charleston, Feb. 20, 21, 22, 1787.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 20, 1787

The Convention met according to adjournment.

St. Philip's Church.—The Rev. Robert Smith.

St. Michael's.—The Rev. Dr. Purcell.

St. James', Goose-Creek.—The Rev. Edward Ellington.

St. Helena.—The Rev. S. C. Lewis.

St. Andrew's.—The Rev. Thomas Mills.

The Lay-Deputies of these Churches not appearing, in consequence of their indispensable attendance in the Legislature, adjourned until to-morrow, at 12'oclock.

February 21, 1787.

The Convention met according to adjournment. The members not yet being able to attend, the Convention adjourned until to-morrow at 8 o'clock.

February 22, 1787.

The Convention met according to adjournment, and the Rev. Robert Smith took the chair.

William Day, Esq. took his seat as a Deputy for St. Bartholomew's.

The Journals of the General Conventions held at Philadelphia, June 20, 1786; and at Wilmington, October 10, 1786, were read.

The Rev. Robert Smith stated, that in consequence of Mr. Pinckney and Mr. Kean, not attending the General Convention, Mr. Parker and himself, agreeably to the power given May 31, 1786, appointed Robert Herriott and John Mitchell in their place. And at the Convention at Wilmington, the Rev. Mr. Smith appointed John Rutledge, jun. by virtue of the same authority.

Resolved, unanimously, that the thanks of this Convention be given to the Rev. Robert Smith, for his assiduity and attention in the Conventions at Philadelphia and Wilmington.

The Committee appointed to draft Rules for the order, government and discipline of the Pro. Epis. Church in So. Ca. made report.*

Adjourned to Thursday Oct. 18.

SIXTH CONVENTION

Of the Pro. Epis. Church in the State of So. Ca. held in Charleston the 18th Oct. 1787.

CHARLESTON, Oct. 18, 1787.

The Delegates of the undermentioned Parishes met this day agreeably to adjournment:

St. Philip's—The Rev. Mr. Smith, the Rev. Mr. Frost.

St. Michael's—The Rev. Dr. Purcell, Roger Smith, Esq.

St. Thomas'—The Rev. William Smith, Hopson Pinckney, Esq. Dr. Syme.

St. James', Goose-Creek—The Rev. Mr. Ellington, Peter Smith, Esq.

Deputies from a majority of the Parishes Associated, not appearing, the above Gentlemen adjourned, *sine die*.

SEVENTH CONVENTION

Of the Pro. Epis. Church in So. Ca. held in Charleston on the 6th, 7th and 8th May, 1789.

CHARLESTON, May 6, 1789.

The Convention met, viz:

St. Philip's—The Rov. Robert Smith, Daniel Cannon.

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* Copies of this Report were ordered to be sent to the different Vestries for their opinions thereon; but as it was not afterwards acted upon by the Convention, it is here omitted.

St. Michael's—The Rev. Dr. Purcell.
Christ-Church—Arnoldus Vanderhorst, John Dart.
St John's, Colleton—John Gibbs, William Brisbane.
Adjourned until to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

MAY 7, 1789.

The Convention met according to adjournment, viz:
St. Philip's—The Rev. Robert Smith, Daniel Cannon.
St. Michael's—The Rev. Dr. Purcell, Roger Smith.
Christ-Church—John Dart.
Prince-George, Winyaw—General Gadsden.
St. John's, Colleton—John Gibbs, William Brisbane.
St. James', Goose-Creek—Peter Smith.
General Gadsden in the chair. Adjourned until to-morrow at 9 o'clock.

MAY 8, 1789.

The Convention met according to adjournment, viz:
St. Philip's—The Rev. Robert Smith, Daniel Cannon.
St. Michael's—The Rev. Dr. Purcell, Roger Smith.
Christ-Church—John Dart.
St. John's, Colleton—John Gibbs, William Brisbane.
Prince-George, Winyaw—General Gadsden.
St. James', Goose-Creek—The Rev. Ed. Ellington, Peter Smith.
The Rev. Robert Smith in the chair.

The above Gentlemen produced appointments from their several Vestries, except from St. James', Goose-Creek, who are requested to send them to the chairman, at a future day.

On motion, *Resolved*, that Deputies be elected to the General Convention to be held at Philadelphia, the last Tuesday in July next. Whereupon, the following Gentlemen were unanimously elected:

The Rev. Robert Smith, William Smith, Col. Lewis Morris, William Ward Burrows, William Brisbane.

Resolved, that in case any of the Deputies should not attend the General Convention, the Deputies present shall have authority to appoint any citizen or citizens of this State in their place.

Adjourned, *sine die*.

EIGHTH CONVENTION

Of the Pro. Epis. Church in So. Ca. held in St. Philip's Church, in Charleston, Oct. 19, 1790

CHARLESTON, Oct. 19, 1790.

Agreeably to notice given in the Gazettes, for the respective Vestries of the Pro. Epis. Churches, to meet at St. Philip's Church, this day, the following Deputies appeared:

St. Philip's—Rev. Dr. Smith, the Rev. Thomas Frost,* Mr. Corbett,* Mr. Cannon, Mr. Manigault, Mr. Villepontoux.

St. Michael's—Rev. Dr. Purcell,* Roger Smith,* Mr. Dawson, Mr. Loocock, Mr. Waring, Mr. Greenland.

St. James', Goose-Creek—Rev. Ed. Ellington,* Peter Smith.*

St. Thomas and St. Dennis—Dr. Syme,* Mr. Bryan, Mr. Pinckney.

St. Paul—Col. Skirving.*

St. John's, Colleton—Mr. Gibbs, Mr. Brisbane.*

Prince George—Rev. Andrew McCulley, Mr. Kinloch,* General Gadsden.

St. Stephen's—Peter Porcher, Philip Porcher.*

St. Mark—Rev. Matthew Tate.

St. Helena—Rev. Stephen C. Lewis.

St. Bartholomew—Dr. Pringle.*

The Rev. Dr. Smith in the chair.

The General Constitution and Canons being read, were unanimously agreed to.

The Liturgy next coming under consideration, the question was put; whether it should be adopted? and it passed unanimously in the affirmative.

On the appointment of a Standing Committee, Resolved, that in those parishes where a Clergyman is resident, he shall be received at this Board with one Lay-Delegate; and where that is not the case, one Lay-Delegate only shall appear. Any two of the said Committee shall have power to adjourn from day to day, and any seven of them to form a quorum.

The following gentlemen were accordingly appointed: (Vide names of Deputies.)

St. Mark.—The resident Clergyman and Mr. Guignard.

St. Helena.—The resident Clergyman and Col. Barnwell.

Any Clergyman thinking himself aggrieved by his Vestry, in being discharged from his cure, or otherwise, in order that the matter may be fully and candidly investigated, and his character placed in that point of view the case requires, may make an appeal to the aforesaid committee; who shall sit in judgement on the same. Provided always, that no gentleman of the parish, where the Clergyman was formerly resident, shall sit as a member in said committee.

On motion, Resolved unanimously, that the thanks of this Convention be given to the Rev. Dr. Smith, the Hon. William Smith, and William Brisbane, Esq. (their Delegates in a General Convention of the Pro. Epis. Churches held in Philadelphia,) for their great zeal, strict attention and services in the same.

Resolved, that the annual meeting of this Convention shall be always holden on the third Tuesday in October; being the day preceding the Anniversary of the Society for the Benefit of the Widows and Orphans of the Clergy of the Pro. Epis. Church.

Adjourned accordingly to said day.

Those marked thus * are Members of the Standing Committee.

NINTH CONVENTION

Of the Pro. Epis. Church in So. Ca. held in St. Michael's Church, Charleston, Oct. 18 & 20, 1791.

CHARLESTON, October 18, 1791.

Agreeably to a Resolution entered into on the 19th day of October 1790, the following gentlemen, Delegates from the undermentioned Parishes, met at St. Michael's Church, this day.

St. Philip's.—The Rev. Mr. Frost, Mr. Corbett, Mr. Radcliffe.

St. Michael's.—The Rev. Dr. Purcell, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Loocock, Mr. Greenland.

St. Stephen's.—Peter Porcher, Robert Marion.

St. Luke's.—The Rev. Mr. M'Culley, Mr. Hort.

St. Thomas'.—Mr. Bryan.

St. Paul's.—Col. Skirving.

St. John's, Colleton.—Mr. Brisbane.

Dr. Purcell in the chair.

Adjourned to Thursday the 20th inst. at ten o'clock.

October 20, 1791.

The Convention met according to adjournment.

PRESENT:

St. Philip's.—The Rev. Dr. Smith, the Rev. Mr. Frost, Mr. Cannon, Mr. Radcliffe, Mr. Corbett.

St. Michael's.—The Rev. Dr. Purcell, Mr. Loocock, Mr. Waring, Mr. Greenland.

St. Thomas'.—Mr. Pinckney, Mr. Bryan.

St. Paul's.—Col. Skirving.

St. Stephen's.—Peter Porcher, Robert Marion.

St. Luke's.—The Rev. Mr. M'Cully, Mr. Hort.

St. James', Goose-Creek.—The Rev. Mr. Ellington, Peter Smith.

St. John's, Colleton.—Mr. Brisbane.

Dr. Smith in the chair.

On motion, Resolved, that the annual meeting of this Convention shall be held the day subsequent to the Anniversary of the Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of the Pro. Epis. Clergy, instead of the day preceding.

Resolved, that any member of this Convention, going from this state to the Northward, be entitled to sit in the General Convention, to be held at New-York, in September 1792.

The Rev. Mr. Frost was elected to represent the Church in this state in the General Convention.

The Standing Committee is continued.

TENTH CONVENTION

Of the Pro. Epis. Church of So. Ca. held in St. Michael's Church, Charleston, on the 18th Oct. 1792.

CHARLESTON, October 18, 1792.

At the Annual Meeting of the Deputies of the Associate Parishes held at St. Michael's Church, this day, viz:

The Rev. Dr. Smith; Mr. Cannon; Mr. Folker; Dr. Purcell; Mr. Loocock; Mr. Waring; Rev. Mr. Ellington; Peter Smith; Col. Skirving; Rev. Mr. M'Culley; Mr. Bryan; Mr. Pinckney.

No business being brought before the Convention, they adjourned.

There was no Meeting in October, 1793.

ELEVENTH CONVENTION

Of the Pro. Epis. Church in So. Ca. held in St. Michael's Church, Charleston, on the 16th Oct. 1794.

CHARLESTON, October 16, 1794.

At the Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Pro. Epis. Church, held at St. Michael's Church this day, viz:

St. Philip's—The Rev. Dr. Smith, Major Lining, the Rev. Mr. Frost.

St. Michael's—The Rev. Dr. Purcell, Col. Vanderhorst, John Huger.

St. Andrew's—The Rev. Mr. Mills.

St. Bartholomew's—The Rev. Mr. Blackwall.

St. Helena, Beaufort—The Rev. Mr. Tate.

St. Stephen's—Philip Porcher.

St. James', Goose-Creek—Peter Smith.

The subject of the Bishops claiming a negative on all the Proceedings of the Clergy and Laity in Convention assembled, came before them; and the unanimous opinion was, that no such power should be granted.

It was then suggested, that as such an opposition would probably occasion a schism, and that we should be separated from the general Association, as no other State, except Virginia, seemed united with us in such a resolve, whether it would not be expedient, prior to any secession taking place, to delegate some person from this place to obtain the Episcopate; in order to accommodate persons

desirous of becoming Ministers in our Church, and to keep up a regular supply. The above Gentlemen conceiving, from the smallness of the representation, they were not competent to enter on so momentous a business, appointed a committee to draw out a plan of what was intended, and that it should be sent to all the Associated Parishes, and a day appointed to discuss and conclude the business.

The committee were, Col. Vanderhorst, Major Lining, Rev. Dr. Purcell, Rev. Mr. Frost.

Adjourned to February 10, 1795.

TWELFTH CONVENTION

Of the Pro. Epis. Church in So. Ca. held in Charleston, February 10, 1795.

CHARLESTON, February 10, 1795.

The Convention met agreeably to adjournment, viz:

The Rev. Dr. Smith, Rev. Mr. Frost, James Smith, Mr. Folker.

The Rev. Dr. Purcell, Mr. Roger Smith, Mr. Waring, Mr. Greenland.

Peter Smith, Dr. Syme, Mr. Bryan, Philip Porcher, Mr. Gaillard, the Rev. Mr. Blackwall, Mr. Pendarvis, Mr. Shackleford, Mr. Tucker, the Rev. Mr. Fraser,* Captain White, the Rev. Mr. Connor, William H. Capers, Charles Capers.

The Circular Letter of the committee being taken into consideration, Resolved, that a Clergyman be nominated and appointed for Consecration as Bishop of this state.

Whereupon the Rev. Robert Smith, D. D. Rector of St. Philip's Church, and Principal of Charleston College, was unanimously elected; and the Secretary was requested to draw out Testimonials correspondent with the Canons, in order to his Consecration at the General Convention to be held at Philadelphia, next September.

Resolved, that Delegates be appointed to represent the Churches of this state in the ensuing General Convention: Whereupon the Rev. Dr. Purcell was unanimously elected, and, in conjunction with Dr. Smith, invested with powers to nominate and appoint any citizens of this state, and of the Episcopal Church, who might then be in the said city of Philadelphia, at the time of the Convention's sittting.

Mr. Milward Pogson, a candidate for Orders, laid his Testimonials before the Convention; and the same being deemed valid, Resolved, that the secretary be requested to draw out the necessary

* The Rev. Mr. Fraser exhibited his Letters of Orders, which were found valid.

Forms for signing; which, being completed, were delivered to Mr. Pogson.

The Convention adjourned *sine die*.

THIRTEENTH CONVENTION

Of the Pro. Epis. Church in So. Ca. held in St. Michael's Church, Charleston, Feb. 16, 1796.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 16, 1796.

At a meeting of the Convention held this day at St. Michael's Church, viz:

Bishop Smith, the Rev. Mr. Frost, Major Lining, Peter Smith, Dr. Purcell, Mr. Corbett, Roger Smith, Mr. Cannon.

A majority of the Parishes not being represented, adjourned to Monday, August 15, at 12 o'clock; after recommending that the Committee transmit two copies of the Journal of the General Convention, to each Church, acquainting the Vestries of the adjournment, and requesting, if any of the members thereof cannot attend on that day, that they would delegate any person of the Episcopal Church, whether a parishioner or not.

CHARLESTON, Monday August 15, 1796.

An alarming and mortal Fever prevailing in Charleston, at this period, the foregoing recommendation failed of its effect, and there was no meeting.

FOURTEENTH CONVENTION

Of the Pro. Epis. Church in So. Ca. held in Charleston, October 20th & 21st, 1796.

CHARLESTON, October 20, 1796.

At a Meeting of the following Deputies from the Pro. Epis. Churches, in the State held this day;

St. Philip's—Bishop Smith, Thomas Radcliffe, John Teasdale.

St. Michael's—Dr. Purcell, Col. John Huger, Mr. Greenland, Mr. Waring.

St. Thomas'—The Rev. Mr. Thompson, Mr. Bryan.

St. John's, Berkley—The Rev. P. M. Parker, Henry Laurens, Edward Harleston, Samuel Gourdin.

St. Paul's—William Skirving.

St. Bartholomew's—The Rev. Mr. Blackwall, Mr. Frazer, Mr. Bellinger.

St. James', Goose-Creek—The Rev. M. Pogson.

Prince George—The Rev. Thomas Frost.

The Right Rev. Bishop Smith in the chair. The Journals of the last General Convention were read.

On motion, *Resolved*, that a committee be appointed to form a Constitution and Rules for the government of the Episcopal Church in this State, to be laid before the Convention at their next meeting in October, 1797.

The following Gentlemen were accordingly appointed: Bishop Smith; Dr. Purcell; the Rev. Mr. Mills; the Rev. Mr. Frost; Col. Huger; Roger Smith; Peter Smith.

Resolved, that the committee be empowered to appoint others in case of death, absence from the State, or declining to act, of any member or members: And that the Constitution and Rules be formed, printed, and sent to the Episcopal Churches in this State, on, or before, the last day of March, next, for their consideration; and for them to send Deputies to the next Convention.

FIFTEENTH CONVENTION

Of the Pro. Epis. Church in So. Ca. held in Charleston, Oct. 19, 1797.

CHARLESTON, Oct. 19, 1797.

The Convention met this day, viz:

St. Philip's—Bishop Smith, Thomas Corbett, the Rev. Thomas Frost.

St. Michael's—Dr. Purcell, Roger Smith, Arnoldus Vanderhorst, John Huger, Joshua Ward.

St. James', Goose-Creek—Peter Smith.

St. Bartholomew's—The Rev. Mr. Blackwall.

On motion, Resolved, that Delegates be appointed to the ensuing General Convention

Whereupon, the Rev. P. M. Parker was elected; and likewise the Senators and Delegates of this State in Congress; or as many of them as may be in Philadelphia, at the sitting of the Convention.

The Committee appointed at the last Convention to draw up a form of Constitution and Rules, reported that they had performed that duty.*

Resolved, that as four Churches only are represented, it be recommended to the several Vestries in this State, to convene

* The Report is not on Record, nor does it appear that it was acted upon afterwards.

their respective Congregations, and elect three deputies from each Church, to meet the Convention, on the Thursday after the third Wednesday in October 1798, to form a Constitution for the government of the aforesaid Churches.

The former Standing Committee, was appointed for the ensuing year.

Resolved, that Bishop Smith, do appoint a special committee of four members, to inform the Vestries of the several Churches in this state, of the foregoing Resolve, for forming a Constitution.

Whereupon, the following gentlemen were appointed: Thomas Corbett, Roger Smith, John Huger, Peter Smith.

SIXTEENTH CONVENTION

Of the Pro. Epis. Church in So. Ca. held in Charleston, Oct. 18 & 23, 1798.

CHARLESTON, Oct. 18, 1798.

The annual meeting of the Convention was held this day. Present:

St. Philip's—Bishop Smith, Thomas Corbett, Mr. Teasdale.

St James', Goose-Creek—The Rev. Mr. Pogson, Peter Smith.

St. George's, Dorchester—William Wragg.

There being but three Churches represented, adjourned until Tuesday 23d inst.

October 23, 1798.

St. Philip's—Bishop Smith, Thomas Corbett, Charles Lining, Mr. Teasdale.

St. James', Goose-Creek—The Rev. Mr. Pogson, Peter Smith.

St. George's, Dorchester—William Wragg.

Three Churches only being represented, no other business was done, but appointing the following Standing Committee:

Thomas Corbett, Charles Lining, William Wragg, Peter Smith, Dr. Purcell, Rev. T. Frost, Rev. M. Pogson.

[It does not apppear that Conventions of the Church in this Diocess, were held from October 23d, 1798, until February 20th, 1804; when Delegates from the several Churches assembled in Charleston in consequence of the following]

CIRCULAR.

Whereas, in all Societies, professing Christianity, the promotion of Religion should *primarily* engage their sincere attention; as being the most likely means of rendering them acceptable to Al-

mighty God, and calling down his blessings upon them: And being fully persuaded, that the *Interests of Religion*, and *practical Godliness*, may be greatly promoted in this State, by a union of all the Protestant Episcopal Churches therein:

And, whereas, by the General Conventions, of the Protestant Episcopal Churches, in the United States of America, a Constitution and Canons were formed, and ratified, by the Convention of this State, for the government of the same:

And whereas for the promotion of union, and to *prevent* candidates for Holy Orders, from being partially or improperly recommended to Bishops for Ordination, thereby admitting improper persons into so sacred an office; it is *necessary* that the said constitution and canons, should be *observed*, as *far* as the local situations, and particular circumstances of the said respective Churches will admit:

Therefore, for the promotion of these good purposes, the Vestries of the Churches of St. Michael and St. Philip, in this city, have met together, and the following is a copy of their proceedings, viz:

"At a Meeting of the Vestries of St. Michael's and St. Philip's Churches, held at St. Michael's Church on Monday the 8th of August, 1803, in consequence of a communication of the latter to the former, the following persons attending from each Vestry:

St. Michael's Vestry—Gen. A. Vanderhorst, Micah Jenkins, Robert Hazlehurst, John Julius Pringle, David Alexander.

Churchwarden—George Reid.

St. Philip's Vestry—Thomas Corbett, Thomas Radcliffe, Doctor T. Harris, Charles Lining, John Teasdale.

Churchwardens—Lewis Ogier, William Logan.

"After deciding that they should vote, as separate Vestries, and not blended, they proceeded to choose a chairman, and John Julius Pringle, Esq. was chosen.

"The communication from the Vestry of St. Philip's to the Vestry of St. Michael's, was then read for discussion, and is as follows, viz.

'The Clergy and Vestry of St. Philip's, request a joint meeting of the Clergy and Vestry of St. Michael's, in either of the Churches, at any time that may be appointed by the latter, for the particular and express purpose of procuring an Episcopal State Convention to carry into effect the Canons for regular and proper Ordination of *fit persons*, to serve in the different Churches in this State, conformable to the constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Churches of the United States of America.'

"General Vanderhorst moved the following amendment: That in place of a State Convention being called, the Vestries of the several Churches should be requested to appoint one or two members from each, to form a standing committee, for the purposes expressed in the communication.

After a considerable debate, each Vestry retired, and on again joining, it appeared, that a majority of the Vestry of St. Michael's, had rejected the amendment, and were for adopting the motion as it originally stood.

That the Vestry of St. Philip's had also disagreed to the amendment, and were unanimously for a Convention, for the particular and express purpose of appointing a standing committee, conformable to the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Churches of the United States of America.

A Motion was made; that, the following words be added in the invitation for a convention, "and for any other purpose that may appear proper to the convention to be adopted, for the further advancement of our Holy Religion and the promotion of practical Godliness"; But, these words not being in the original communication, were rejected.

Major Lining then moved that the Convention be instructed to take into consideration the propriety of the nomination of a Bishop for this State, of which he had before given notice, it was therefore agreed, that the same be taken up on Sunday next, and that the meeting be adjourned to that day, then to meet at St. Michael's Church, immediately after Divine Service in the morning.

The Members of the two Vestries accordingly met at St. Michael's Church, immediately after Divine Service.

St. Michael's Vestry—Gen. A. Vanderhorst, Robert Hazlehurst, Micah Jenkins, John Julius Pringle, David Alexander, John Dawson, jun.

Churchwarden—George Reid.

St. Philip's Vestry—Thomas Corbett, Thomas Radcliffe, Charles Lining, John Teasdale, Keating Simons, Thomas Simons.

Churchwardens—Lewis Ogier, William Logan.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read.

A motion was made by Major Lining, that the Convention be instructed to take into consideration the propriety of the nomination of a Bishop. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thomas Corbett, and after some debate, it was proposed to adjourn to meet on Thursday at 11 o'clock at the same place.

The Members of St. Michael's and St. Philip's of the two Vestries, met at St. Michael's Church, according to adjournment, the following members present:

St. Michael's Vestry—Gen. A. Vanderhorst, Micah Jenkins, Robert Hazlehurst, David Alexander, John Julius Pringle, John Dawson, jun.

Churchwarden—George Reid.

St. Philip's Vestry—Thomas Corbett, Thomas Radcliffe, Charles Lining, Thomas Simons, John Teasdale.

Churchwarden—Lewis Ogier.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read.

After considerable debate, the question was put by the separate Vestries, the propriety of recommending to the Convention to appoint a Bishop. Both Vestries divided to vote, when the question was lost; the members of St. Philip's, were unanimously for it, and a majority in the Vestry of St. Michael's against it.

A Committee was appointed, to inform the different Vestries of the Protestant Episcopal Churches in this state of the above invitation for a Convention to be held for the particular and express pur-

pose of appointing a Standing Committee, conformable to the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Churches in the United States of America.

The following gentlemen were appointed:

For St. Michael's—John Julius Pringle, David Alexander.

For St. Philip's—Major Lining, Thomas Corbett.

We therefore, their Committee, in behalf of the said two Vestries, Do INVITE the different Vestries of the Protestant Episcopal Churches in this state, or their Delegates, either Lay or Clerical, to be by them appointed, to meet in Convention, at St. Michael's Church, Charleston, on Monday, the 20th of February, at 10 o'clock, to carry into effect, the purposes set forth in the aforementioned copy of their proceedings.

JOHN JULIUS PRINGLE, } Committee from St.
DAVID ALEXANDER, } Michael's Vestry.
CHARLES LINING, } Committee from St.
THOMAS CORBETT, } Philip's Vestry.

Charleston, (S. C.) *Jan.* 9, 1804.

SEVENTEENTH CONVENTION

Of the Pro. Epis. Church in So. Ca. held in St. Michael's Church, Charleston, on 20th and 21st Feb. 1804.

At a meeting of Clerical and Lay Delegates of the Pro. Epis. Churches of So. Ca. in Convention in St. Michael's Church, Charleston, on Monday, February 20, 1804, agreeably to a Circular Letter of Jan. 9th, 1804, from the Committees of the Vestries of St. Philip and St. Michael, duly appointed by their Vestries for the particular and express purpose of appointing a Standing Committee conformable to the constitution of the Pro. Epis. Churches of the U. S. A.

St. Philip's Parish—The Rev. Mr. Frost, Thomas Corbett, Dr. Tucker Harris, Thomas Radcliffe, Charles Lining, Lewis Ogier, Keating Simons, John Teasdale, Thomas Simons.

St. Michael's Parish—The Rev. Dr. Jenkins, the Rev. Mr. Bowen, John Julius Pringle, John Blake, John Dawson, jun. David Alexander, Thomas Parker, George Reid, Robert Hazlehurst.

St. Andrew's Parish—Simon Magwood, John S. Cripps.

St. John's, Colleton—John Ward.

Georgetown—Benjamin Trapier.

Beaufort—The Rev. Mr. Hicks, John M. Verdier.

St. Thomas'—Robert Quash, John E. Moore.

Edisto—Joseph Jenkins, Benjamin Seabrook.

St. John's, Berkley—E. Harleston, P. Broughton, Henry Laurens.

St. Stephen's—Charles Sinkler.

St. James', Goose-Creek—The Rev. Mr. Pogson, Peter Smith.

John J. Pringle, Esq. was called to the chair, and George Reid, appointed Secretary.

The Delegates verified their appointment from their respective Vestries.

The chairman submitted to the Convention, whether on the business which should come before them, the Convention would vote individually and promiscuously, or by Parishes; when it was unanimously Resolved, to vote by Parishes.

The chairman submitted as the first business properly in order, for the consideration of the convention, as mentioned in the said circular letter, "the appointment of a Standing Committee conformably to the constitution of the Pro. Epis. Churches of the U. S. for the recommendation of fit and proper persons for Ordination, or admission to Holy Orders, and to serve as Ministers in the different Episcopal Churches of this state."

The question was thereupon put, whether such a Standing Committee shall be appointed? and carried unanimously in the affirmative.

It was moved by Mr. Ward, that the Ministers and chairmen of the Vestries of Episcopal Churches of the following parishes, for the time being, be, and they are hereby appointed a Standing Committee, for recommending fit and proper persons for Ordination, or admission to Holy Orders, conformably to the canons and constitution of the Episcopal Churches of the U. S. in such case made and provided, to act as such until the next meeting. It was then moved by Mr. Lining, that instead of "the Ministers and chairmen of the Vestries of the following parishes," the motion be amended by the words, "Ministers and chairmen of the Vestries for the time being, of the Episcopal Churches within twenty miles of Charleston."

The question being taken upon the motion as amended, it was carried; and the Rev. Dr. Jenkins was appointed chairman of the committee.

On motion, Resolved, that a special committee be appointed to frame rules and regulations for the government of the Episcopal Churches of this state, and to report to the next convention on the third Monday in February next, for the purpose of deliberating and adopting the same, and that the said convention be convened by letter from the chairman of this convention.

Whereupon the following committee were appointed: the Rev. Dr. Jenkins, chairman, Messrs. Parker, Corbett, Lining, Pringle, Quash, Laurens, Dr. Harris and Alexander, together with the Ministers, for the time being, of all the Episcopal Churches in this state. It was Resolved, that three Ministers, and two Laymen, form a quorum.

Major Lining then moved, that this convention do forthwith proceed to the nomination and election of a Bishop of this state.

It was then moved to postpone the consideration of electing a Bishop, until the third Monday in February next, when the con-

vention was to meet. The question being taken on the postponement, it was lost.

The motion of Mr. Lining being then put, was carried unanimously.

The convention then proceeded to the election of a Bishop, when it appeared that the Rev. Edward Jenkins, D. D. was unanimously elected.

Resolved, that a committee be appointed to wait on Dr. Jenkins, and to inform him of his election to the Episcopate.

Whereupon, the following gentlemen were appointed: Messrs. Quash, Pringle, Jenkins, Laurens, Hicks, Ed. Harleston, Trapier, Sinclair, Peter Smith.

Adjourned until to-morrow.

February 21, 1804.

The convention met according to adjournment.

Mr. Pringle in the name of the committee reported, that in pursuance of the resolution of the convention, they had waited on the Rev. Dr. Jenkins, to notify his election, and to request his acceptance of the appointment of Bishop: That Dr. Jenkins had expressed a lively sense of the honour done him, by electing him Bishop, but on weighing the importance and extent of the duties of the Episcopal office, he was persuaded that, at his time of life, he could not fully and faithfully discharge them, and therefore declined.

The convention then adjourned.

EIGHTEENTH CONVENTION

Of the Pro. Epis. Church in So. Ca. held in St. Michael's Church, Charleston, Feb. 18, 1805.

At a meeting of the Clerical and Lay-Delegates of the Pro. Epis. Churches of So. Ca. in convention in St. Michael's Church, Charleston, on Monday Feb. 18, 1805.

St. Philip's—The Rev. Dr. Jenkins, the Rev. Mr. Percy, Thomas Corbett, Dr. Harris, Thomas Radcliffe, Charles Lining, Keating Simons, Thomas Simons, John Teasdale, Lewis Ogier.

St. Michael's—John J. Pringle, Thomas Parker, John Dawson, David Alexander, Robert Hazlehurst, George Reid, James M. Ward, John Potter.

St. Andrew's—The Rev. Mr. Mills.

Georgetown—Benjamin Trapier.

Beaufort—John Rhodes, Ralph Elliott.

St. John's, Berkley—Henry Laurens, Edward Harleston.

St. Thomas'—Robert Quash, John Moore.

St. James', Goose-Creek—Peter Smith, the Rev. M. Pogson.

Trinity Church—The Rev. Philip Mathews, John C. Folker.

John J. Pringle, Esq. being called to the chair, Mr. Alexander was appointed Secretary, who accepted of it conditionally, that the Rev. Mr. Bowen did not accept it, who had been appointed to that office, while absent.

The chairman then called the attention of the Convention to the following resolution, passed at the last session:

"That a special committee be appointed to frame rules and regulations for the government of the Episcopal Churches of this State, and to report to the next Convention, for the purpose of deliberating on, and adopting the same."

The President having called on the committee to report, Mr. James M. Ward moved that the report be postponed, that he might present a memorial from Thomas Roper, and other members of the Episcopal Churches of St. Philip and St. Michael, remonstrating against any proceedings of the present Convention, as self created and incompetent to the purposes for which it was convened. The memorial was then read, and is as follows:

"*State of South-Carolina.*

"To John Julius Pringle, Esq. chairman, and the other Members and Delegates of Vestries of certain of the Pro. Epis. Churches in this State, assembled as a Convention:

"The memorial of sundry persons, members of the said Churches.

"Your Memorialists having understood, that the Vestries of the several Pro. Epis. Churches in the lower parts of the State, by themselves, or by a deputation of such persons as they should respectively think proper to represent them in a state convention; are to assemble for the purpose of organizing a constitution, whereby the said Churches are to be governed: Your memorialists are thence induced to submit to the consideration of the convention, thus constituted, reasons why they conceive them utterly incompetent to the performance of the purposes for which they have been appointed.

"Most, if not all of the Pro. Epis. Churches of this state, have, at various periods, been incorporated; their charters limit their several powers, and define their respective rights. These, for the most part, are such as have been usually given to Religious associations, viz. the right of perpetual succession; to sue and be sued; to purchase and hold property to a certain extent; to have a common seal; to assess pews, and hire out those of defaulters. Some have been specially empowered to make bye-laws, whilst from others, pa rticularly those of St. Philip's and St. Michael's in Charleston, this power has been withheld. But admitting that ecclesiastical corporations, like some of those erected for civil purposes, had tacitly acquired this capacity by the intendment of law, still, they were competent to impose only such restrictions, as were binding upon themselves. For is it not stipulated by an article in the constitution of the U. S. that power not delegated is withheld? And is not this salutary provision known to be more especially restrictive on all corporations, they being limitted to the

definite powers prescribed to them, at, or after their creation? To evince this principle to be a correct one, and that it has been acted upon by the legislature of our country, we beg leave to cite a recent fact. The Vestry of St. Philip's, presuming that as a corporate body they were incidentally authorized to make laws, which should be binding upon the congregation, entered into fifteen rules, which they entitled, "The Constitutional form of Government of the Episcopal Church of St. Philip's, Charleston," these, though thereafter confirmed in a Church meeting, were nevertheless considered by many of its members, as originating in an act of usurpation; inasmuch as the Vestry had been entrusted with no such authority, being chosen but for the especial purposes enumerated in their charter. To remove the disquiet this procedure occasioned, the Vestry, Wardens and Members of the said Church, joined in a petition to the Legislature, praying them to give a legal sanction to such constitution. An act was accordingly passed on the 18th December, 1802, for giving validity to the same. It further provided, that the spiritual and temporal interests of the said Church, should thereafter be *regulated** by the Vestry, Wardens and Members of the same, collectively. And that no alteration should take place therein, which should not obtain their joint concurrence: the Vestry being in the words of the act, restricted to the management of the "ordinary concerns of the said Church;" whence it is evident, their powers are merely executive. If this be so, (and that it is, we need only refer you to the act in question) it of consequence follows, that neither the Vestry of that, or any other Church similarly consituted, can impose articles of discipline, upon its members, or alter or subvert those, they may have conjointly approved.

"Your Memorialists are not opposed to a constitution formed upon general principles, for connecting by closer ties, the several Pro. Epis. Churches in this state. They do but contend, that in a country where the civil and religious immunities of the citizens are equal, the constitution as well in Church as in State, should be formed by a representation specially deputed for the purpose, by and from amongst those, whom it is intended to govern; and that the provisions of such general convention should be assented to by each several congregation, being a component part of such federate association. Our state constitution declares the general consent to be the necessary origin of government; no partial procurement of it then, however obtained, can be regarded as a base whereon to found a valid system of rule. This first principle, has in fact been variously recognised throughout the U. S. and we confidently trust, it will be adhered to by the characters that compose the present meeting. Indignant would be their feelings, as well as those of their fellow-citizens at large, if the members of the federal or state legislature, should by themselves, or by a deputation of their body;

* This appears to be a mistake. The words of the Act are, "*and such new bye-laws to make in the place of the same, as may best* CONDUCE *to the spiritual and temporal interest of the said Church;*" and the Vestry and Wardens are authorized "to *regulate* the *ordinary* concerns of the said Church."

or what would be yet more humiliating, by a substitution of such persons, as they might think proper to represent them, transcend their delegated powers, and impose upon their constituents a form of government, or alter or subvert that already established. In fine, your Memorialists hesitate not to avow, that they hold themselves justified to pursue every warrantable expedient that will secure to them their fundamental right of suffrage, as a deprivation of such right, would degrade them to a level with the freedmen of the state.

"Thomas Roper, John Geyer, Seth Lothrop, Sylvanus Keith, Samuel H. Lothrop, P. Moser, Tho. W. Bacot, Robert Dewar, Sam. Prioleau, John Cordes Prioleau, Thomas G. Prioleau, William Pritchard, sen. Chris. Fitzsimons, Tho. Winstanley, John Cart, Isaac Edwards, Peter Croft, Wm. Dewees, Tho. Somarsall, Sam. Beekman, Tho. Foster, James Thompson, John Johnson, jun. Thomas Hall, William Hall, Henry H. Bacot, Thomas Elliott, Jos. Johnson, J. M'Call, Joseph Kirkland, Rich. Wrainch, John Vicars, G. Greenland, George Wagner, Jos. P. Purcell, Tho. Waring, sen. John Blake, William Johnson, Daniel Hall, Robert Wainwright, Ch. Kershaw, John White, Daniel Mazyck, Ch. B. Cochran, Daniel O'Hara, Henry Baily, Philip G. Prioleau, John E. Poyas."

Mr. Parker thereupon moved, that the convention be adjourned until Monday, to consider of this Memorial, but not being seconded, Mr. Corbett moved that a committee be appointed for that purpose. The Memorial was then discussed; and being followed by some remarks from the chair, tending to show that the memorialists had misconceived the real object and intention of the convention, Mr. Corbett withdrew his motion, and the convention proceeded to the order of the day.

Whereupon, the Rev Dr. Jenkins, from the committee appointed to frame Rules and Regulations for the government of the Episcopal Churches in So. Ca. made a Report.*

It was moved by Major Lining, that the Ministers and Chairmen of the Vestries of the Episcopal Churches for the time being, be appointed a Standing Committee for recommending fit persons for Ordination or admission to Holy Orders, according to the canons and constitution of the Episcopal Churches in such case made and provided; to act as such until the next convention. And that three Ministers and two Laymen form a quorum; and that the Rev. Dr. Jenkins be Chairman thereof.

On motion, Resolved, that this convention do adjourn; and that a convention be called on the third Monday in February next, by letter from the Chairman.

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* The Rules underwent considerable discussion, alterations and amendments, and finally, were ordered to be printed at the expense of the different Parishes, and referred to the next convention. See page 495.

NINETEENTH CONVENTION

Of the Pro. Epis. Church in the State of So. Ca. held in Charleston, from Feb. 17 *to Feb.* 20, 1806, *both days inclusive.*

At a meeting of the Clerical and Lay-Delegates in convention, held in St. Michael's Church, on Monday, Feb. 17, 1806.

St. Philip's—Rev. Dr. Jenkins, Keating Simons, Thomas Roper, Robert Dewar, Charles Cochran, Wm. Loughton Smith.

St. Michael's—Rev. Wm. Percy, Rev. N. Bowen, Tho. Parker, John Dawson, jun. Wm. H. Gibbes, Geo. Reid, John Potter, J. M. Ward, Rob. Hazlehurst, David Alexander, Tho. Waring, sen.

St. James', Goose-Creek—Rev. M. Pogson, David Deas, Peter Smith.

St. Andrew's—Simon Magwood.

St. John's, Berkley—Henry Laurens, Peter Broughton.

St. Helena, Beaufort—Robert Barnwell, Wm. Robertson.

St. Bartholomew's—Rich. Singleton, Dr. John Bellinger.

Prince George's, Winyaw—Samuel Wragg, Paul Trapier.

William Loughton Smith, Esq. was called to the chair.

On motion of Mr. Barnwell, Resolved unanimously, that during the sitting of the convention, prayers shall be read every day, before any business be transacted. The Clergy were requested to perform this duty in rotation, according to seniority.

The Secretary submitted the following resolution: "Whereas the glory of God in the promotion of Christian faith and piety, unity and zeal among the members of his Church, ought to be the sole purpose of all ecclesiastical councils or conventions: and whereas it has been universally customary, and is in itself highly proper, to open all such assemblies with appropriate religious solemnities; therefore Resolved, that at the next, and every future convention, no business shall be taken up until prayers have been read, and a sermon delivered, adapted to the occasion. And further, that the Rev. Dr. Jenkins be requested to prepare a discourse for the occasion of the next annual meeting of this convention; and that in case of his failure, the Rev. Mr. Percy be requested to prepare for that duty."

On motion, Resolved, that a committee of one be appointed from each Church represented in convention, to report, in writing, to-morrow, the situation and circumstances of the Churches which they severally represent.

Whereupon, the following gentlemen were appointed: Keating Simons, George Reid, Henry Laurens, Samuel Wragg, Rich. Singleton, David Deas, Rob. Barnwell, and Simon Magwood.

Adjourned until to-morrow 10 o'clock.

February 15, 1806.

The convention met, and prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Percy.

Mr. Barnwell from the committee appointed to inquire into the state of the Churches, made the following report:

"The committee who were directed to lay before the convention such information, as their present situation might enable them to procure, of the state of the respective Churches now represented in convention; beg permission to lay before the convention, the attending papers, as best calculated to bring to their view, the objects committed to their charge," viz:

"The committee appointed by the Pro. Epis. Convention assembled in St. Michael's Church, this day, to report the state of the Church in St. Philip's parish, Charleston; Report, that the Church is in good order, and that the funds of the same are sufficient for the support of its Ministers, who now regularly officiate in it. *Keating Simons.* Feb. 18, 1806."

"Agreeably to the recommendation of the convention of the Pro. Epis. Churches assembled in St. Michael's Church this day, the committee appointed to report the state of St. Michael's Church in Charleston, Report, that the Church is in good repair; and the funds adequate to the disbursements and to the regular payment of the salary of its Ministers and other officers. *G. Reid.* 18th Feb. 1806."

"The Delegates appointed to inquire into the state of the Church in the Parish of St. James', Goose-Creek; Report: that the Church wants but little repair; that there is a glebe attached to it, fit for the residence of a Minister; who is supported by the voluntary contributions of the members of the Church, but which are not at present, adequate to the proper support of the Minister. The Church has a Rector. *David Deas.* 18th Feb. 1806."

"Agreeably to the recommendation of the convention assembled in St. Michael's Church, Charleston, the committee appointed to report the state of the Church in St. John's Parish, Berkley; Report: that the Parish Church is entirely in ruins; that the Chapel at Childsbury is in good repair, and was put into its present situation at the expense of Elias Ball, Esq. The committee further report, that the profits arising from the lease of the glebe lands, are totally inadequate to the support of a Clergyman to officiate in the upper, middle and lower parts of the parish; the deficiency being made up by voluntary contributions, Lastly, that to the present day, it has not been in the power of the Vestry and Churchwardens, to provide a fixed residence for a Minister. *Henry Laurens.* Feb. 18, 1806."

"The Delegate from the Episcopal Church in St. Bartholomew's parish, appointed to represent the situation of the Churches in that parish; Reports: that Pon Pon Church is burnt down; but there remain a sufficient number of bricks to rebuild at least one half of the Church; and a subscription is now handing about for that purpose, and in a fair way of succeeding. Edmundsbury Chapel is in a ruinous situation; the roof is sunk, the wall cracked,

and the floor and pews are rotten. A subscription is also on foot for the purpose of rebuilding the same, and in a good way. I am happy to say that every thing at present bears a flattering prospect of success in so desirable an object; with few exceptions in respect to the particular places at which the Churches ought to be placed, which no doubt will be obviated when a serious reflection is given to the subject. A fund sufficient to support a Minister in a genteel manner, and a house with every necessary out building. *Richard Singleton.*"

"The representatives from St. Andrew's report, that they have got a Church and a Minister who is provided for. *Simon Magwood.* Feb. 18, 1806."

"The Delegates appointed to inquire into the state of the Church in Georgetown, Report: that the Church is in good repair, but has been without a Clergyman for two or three years past, although the Vestry have used exertions to procure one. They are enabled by the liberal subscriptions of the congregation, to assure any gentleman whom they approve, the receipt of $1300, per ann. together with a house, or $200, with which according to the usual rents paid for houses in that place, he may obtain a suitable one, and they can with tolerable confidence, likewise guarantee $200, as the annual Clerical perquisites of the parish. *Samuel Wragg.*"

"The Delegate from the Episcopal Church in Beaufort, appointed to represent the situation of the Church in that place, Reports; that the funds of that Church are sufficient to the support of a Minister, and they are at present supplied with a Rector. *R. Barnwell.*"

[The Convention then proceeded to the consideration of the "Rules and Regulations for the Government of the Pro. Epis. Churches in this State," which had been referred to them by the last convention. Considerable discussion took place, which occupied the remainder of Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, when they were finally passed, with various alterations and amendments. They are as follow:]

Rules and Regulations for the Government of the Pro. Epis. Church in the State of South-Carolina.

Whereas in all societies, professing Christianity, the promotion of Religion, should primarily engage their sincere attention; as being the sure and only means of rendering them acceptable to Almighty God, and calling down his blessing upon them—And,

Whereas, by General Conventions of the Pro. Epis. Churches in the U. S. A. a constitution and canons have been formed for the government and discipline of the same:—

Be it therefore Resolved, That the following rules be agreed to, adopted and observed by the Pro. Epis. Churches in this state, for the local government of the same, which rules shall be considered binding upon all the Pro. Epis. Churches in this state, which shall

not within six months after the first day of March, 1806, notify to the standing committee, their dissent therefrom.

Rule I. A stated convention shall be held annually, in Charleston, on the third Monday in every February; or at such time, and in such place, as shall have been determined upon by the preceding convention: But if a sufficient number of the Churches associated, do not attend on the same day, the representatives, whether Clergy or Laity, of any two of them assembled, shall have power to adjourn from day to day, until a quorum is formed; which shall consist of at least seven Churches.

Rule II. Delegates shall be elected by the respective Episcopal Churches throughout the state, to represent them in the state convention: The Delegates to be elected in such manner, time and numbers, as each Church may deem proper, to serve twelve months from the time of election; who shall, before they are permitted to take their seats in convention, produce written testimonials of their election.

Rule III. The officiating Clergy of the Pro. Epis. Churches of this state, shall be deemed, *ex officio*, members of this convention.

Rule IV. When a sufficient number of Members have assembled, to form a convention, they shall elect a President from among themselves.

Rule V. A secretary and treasurer shall be annually chosen, who shall keep a true and correct journal of the proceedings, and regular accounts of any money transactions, to be annually laid before the convention: It shall, also, be his duty to give notice to each Minister and Vestry, of the time and place appointed, for any extra or special convention.

Rule. VI. A standing committee, consisting of such a number of clergymen and lay-men, as the convention may think proper, shall be annually elected, for the purposes expressed in the constitution and canons: Provided, the committee so appointed, have no power to act in any cases which require the operation of any canons repugnant to the charters of any of the Pro. Epis. Churches of the state. Vacancies in the committee, caused by death, resignation, or otherwise, shall be supplied by the suffrages of the remaining members.

Rule VII. It shall be the business of the standing committee, when informed by the Vestry of either of the Churches in this state, that such Church is not provided with a Minister, (in which information, the means which the Church has of supporting a Minister shall be stated) diligently to inquire for and recommend to the Vestry, giving such information, a proper person to officiate in the said Church, and they shall report to the convention, at each annual meeting, what information of vacancies they have received and their proceedings thereon.

Rule VIII. In all matters requiring the suffrages of the convention, the representatives of each Church shall vote conjointly; each Church having one vote, and a majority of votes shall be decisive.

Rule IX. The approving, or receiving any clergyman into a Church, shall be vested in the vestry of the Church, (or the vestry

and churchwardens as the case may be) having authority so to do; and where there is no vestry, or vestry and churchwardens, having such authority, in the congregation that supports him, and receives the benefit of his ministry. Provided that no clergyman shall be admitted to the pastoral charge of any Church of this association, unless he first produces to the vestry, having such authority, or the vestry and churchwardens, as the case may be, sufficient and approved testimonials of his having received full Orders from a Bishop of the Pro. Epis. Church.

Rule X. Wilful error in religion, or deviation from the Rubric of the Church; charges of viciousness of life, and disorderly behaviour, may be exhibited against a clergyman, to the state convention; and on clear and sufficient proof thereof, by *viva voce* evidence, on oath, duly administered, in the convention, or by a commission to take such evidence, duly executed, such clergyman shall be excluded the convention; and the convention shall request of the vestry or congregation of the Church, in which he officiates at the time, to dismiss him from the charge of their church, for the reasons before mentioned; and also to inform the Bishop, and if there be no Bishop, the standing committee; which Bishop, or standing committee shall inform the House of Bishops of the Pro. Epis. Church in the U. S. A. that such clergyman is an improper person to officiate in the sacred order of Priest, or Deacon, in any Pro. Epis. Church.

Rule XI. Every Minister of the Pro. Epis. Church in this state, shall keep a register of births, baptisms, marriages and funerals; and shall likewise, every year, deliver in the state convention, a fair and correct copy of the register of the Church wherein he officiates, to the president, in order that it may be recorded in the secretary of state's office, for the further safety and preservation of the same.

Rule XII. It shall be the business of the standing committee to call a meeting of the convention whenever they shall deem it necessary; and they shall report their proceedings to the succeeding convention to be confirmed or rescinded.

Rule XIII. The Delegates of the several Churches to the state convention, shall, during the intervals of the convention, be corresponding committees, intrusted with the duty of informing the standing committee of the situation of their respective Churches; and, generally such other things as may relate to the temporal and spiritual interests of the Pro. Epis. Church in this state.

Rule XIV. No article, canon, rule or other regulation, of any general or state convention, shall be obligatory on any Epis. Church within this state, where the same shall be found to infringe on any of its chartered rights.

Rule XV. To the intent, that the Church in this state, may not be unrepresented in general convention, the clerical and lay-delegate, or delegates, who may be hereafter nominated thereto, shall, on the absence of one or more of their colleagues, be empowered to nominate and appoint in place of such absent delegate or delegates, any citizen or citizens of this state; provided that such citi-

zen or citizens, is, or are a member, or members, of the Pro. Epis. Church in this state.

Rule XVI. The book of common prayer, and administration of the sacraments, and other rites and ceremonies of the Church, according to the use of the Pro. Epis. Church, in the U. S. A. shall be used in all the Churches of this association.

Rule XVII. None of the foregoing rules shall be altered, nor shall any new rule be adopted, unless the alterations, or new rule or rules proposed, shall be concurred in by two thirds of the Churches in convention; seven, at least, of the Churches of this state, by their delegates, being present.

The following resolutions were passed unanimously:

Resolved, That the standing committee be directed to open a correspondence with the several Churches throughout the state, which may be destitute of Ministers, offering them their advice and assistance in pursuit of such measures as may conduce to promote the interests of such Churches.

Resolved, That the several officiating Ministers of the Episcopal Churches throughout this state, be earnestly requested to visit from time to time, and as often as circumstances may admit, and hold divine service in such Churches as may be destitute of Ministers.

Resolved, That the standing committee, take proper measures to notify each Episcopal Church in this state, of the time and place of holding the next convention, and transmit the rules concurred in by the convention of this state, now assembled, when printed, to the several Churches.

The convention then elected the following gentlemen as the standing committee. until the next annual convention, viz: The Rev. Dr. Jenkins, Rev. Mr. Percy, Rev. Mr. Pogson, Rev. Mr. Bowen, Tho. Roper, Peter Smith, David Alexander, William Doughty and John Dawson, jun.

The convention then adjourned to the third Monday in February next.

TWENTIETH CONVENTION

Of the Pro. Epis. Church in So. Ca. held in Charleston, on the 16th, 17th & 18th February 1807.

List of the Clergy and Lay-Delegates, who attended the convention.

CLERGY.

The Rev. Edward Jenkins, D. D. Rector of St. Philip's, Rev. N. Bowen, Rector of St. Michael's, Rev. W. Percy, Officiating Minister in St. Philip's and St. Michael's, Rev. S. Lilly, Rector of Prince George, Winyaw, Rev. Galen Hickes, Rector of Beaufort, Rev. Geo. T. Nankivel, Rector of St. Thomas' and St. Dennis'.

LAY-DELEGATES.

St. Philip's—John Parker, Wm. Loughton Smith, Charles B. Cochran, Thomas Roper, Robert Dewar.

Prince George, Winyaw—Francis Kinloch, Benjamin F. Trapier, John M. Taylor.

Beaufort—Robert Barnwell, Thomas Deveaux.

St. Thomas' and St. Dennis'—John Moore.

St. Bartholomew's—Richard Singelton, George Bellinger.

St. James', Goose-Creek—Peter Smith.

Clermont—Hon. Thomas Waties.

St. Helena—Benjamin Jenkins.

St. George's, Dorchester—Dr. Joor.

The following Clergymen, entitled to seats in the convention, did not appear: The Rev. Hugh Fraser, Rector of Prince Frederick's, Rev. Thomas Mills, Rector of St. Andrew's.

CHARLESTON, Monday, February 16, 1807.

This being the day appointed for the annual meeting of the convention of the Pro. Epis. Church, in this state, several of the Clergy and Lay Delegates attended in St. Michael's Church, where prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Percy, and a sermon delivered by the Rev. Dr. Jenkins.

After divine service, a sufficient number of parishes to form a quorum, having appeared, by their delegates, and presented their certificates, which were read and approved, the convention proceeded to business.

The Rev. Dr. Jenkins was appointed president, and the Rev. Mr. Bowen, secretary.

The Rev. Dr. Jenkins, the Rev. Mr. Percy, and the Rev. Mr. Bowen, reported the visits made by them to vacant congregations, pursuant to the request of the last convention.

Registrles of Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals, were delivered in, agreeably to the 11th rule.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to inquire and ascertain, whether the constitution and canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America, have been adopted by the Protestant Episcopal Church in the state of South-Carolina? Whereupon the following persons were appointed a committee, viz. The Hon. Tho. Waties, the Rev. Mr. Lilly, the Rev. Mr. Bowen, Thomas Parker, Robert Barnwell, Wm. L. Smith, Francis Kinloch, Thomas Roper and Peter Smith, Esqrs.

The committee to report to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock; to which time the convention then adjourned.

Tuesday, 17th February 1807.

The convention met, pursuant to adjournment. The Rev. Mr. Lilly read prayers:—The committee appointed yesterday, then reported in writing, as follows:

The committee appointed to examine and report, Whether the constitution and canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, have been adopted by the Protestant Episcopal Church in this state, report,

"That they have examined, and find, that, according to the Journals of a state convention, held in the City of Charleston, 8th

May 1789, the Rev. Dr. Robert Smith, William Smith, Esq. Col. Lewis Morris, William Ward Burrows, and William Brisbane, Esqrs. were duly elected delegates to the general convention, which was to be held in Philadelphia, in July of the same year:

"That, agreeably to the Journals of the general convention, three of the above-named delegates, viz. the Rev. Dr. Smith, William Smith, and William Brisbane, Esqrs. attended the convention, and, on the behalf of the Protestant Episcopal Church of this state, subscribed the constitution:

"That on the 19th of October 1790, a convention of the Episcopal Churches of this state, was held in Charleston, consisting of Clerical and Lay-Delegates from eleven parishes; at which convention the general constitution and canons were unanimously agreed to." And that, at the same convention, an unanimous vote of "Thanks was passed to the Rev. Dr. Smith, the Hon. William Smith, and William Brisbane, Esq. their delegates in a general convention of the Protestant Episcopal Churches, held in Philadelphia, for their great zeal, strict attention, and services in the same:"

"Your committee, therefore, are unanimously* of opinion, that the constitution and canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, have been adopted by the Protestant Episcopal Church in the state of South-Carolina."

Which report being read, was, on motion, ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, a report of the proceedings of the standing committee of the last year, was read and approved.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to inquire, What constitutes the right of officiating Clergymen to vote in this convention? Whereupon, Judge Waties, Mr. Barnwell, Mr. W. L. Smith, Mr. Roper, and Mr. Dewar were appointed—to report in half an hour. The convention then adjourned to 12 o'clock.

Twelve o'clock.—The President having resumed his seat, the committee reported as follows, viz.

"That on examining the rules and regulations adopted at the last convention of this state, they are of opinion, that the said rules give no right to the officiating Clergy to vote in any case whatever; but the committee recommend to the convention, to amend the third rule as follows:

"The officiating Clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Churches of this state shall be deemed, *ex officio*, members of this convention, with a right to vote with the Lay-Delegates, provided that such right shall not appertain to the officiating Clergyman of any particular Church, in cases where Lay-Delegates have not been appointed, or shall not attend the convention from such Church."

Which report being read and received, was ordered to lie on the table.

It was then moved and agreed to, that the report of the committee to examine and inquire as to the adoption of the constitution and canons be now considered.

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* Unanimously, as to those who attended the meeting of the committee: W. L. Smith, Thomas Parker, Thomas Roper, Esqrs. not having been present.

Whereupon, it was resolved, on motion of W. L. Smith, that the matter of the report be divided, and the sense of the convention taken thereon:

1. So far as it relates to the adoption of the constitution and the canons of 1789, and

2. As it relates to the canons passed subsequent to that period.

As to the first point, it was unanimously determined, after debate on Mr. W. L. Smith's motion, to that effect, That the general constitution and the canons of 1789, had been adopted by the convention of this state. Judge Waties then moved, That the report be agreed to by the convention, with respect to the canons passed subsequent to 1789. Mr. Barnwell then moved an amendment to the motion, by adding thereto, "Provided such canons be not repugnant to the constitutions," which amendment was adopted by the house. The original motion, so amended, was then proceeded upon; but without coming to a decision thereon, the convention adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Wednesday, 18th Feb. 1807.

The convention met pursuant to adjournment. The Rev. Mr. Nankivel read prayers. It was then moved by Mr. Barnwell, to postpone the further consideration of the report to the next annual convention, which being seconded, Mr. W. L. Smith moved, that Judge Waties be requested to withdraw his amended motion of yesterday; to which the Judge having assented, Mr. Smith moved to amend the report, by adding thereto

"So far as relates to the constitution and the canons of 1789. But with respect to the subsequent canons, your committee think it unnecessary to declare, at this time, how far the same may be constitutional and binding on this convention; but, inasmuch, as some of the said canons, and, in particular, the 2d and 4th of 1804, are obnoxious to several of the Churches in this state, your committee earnestly recommend, that the earliest opportunity be embraced by this convention, to communicate to the general convention their anxious wishes that the said canons may be repealed or modified, and to instruct the delegates from this state to the next ensuing general convention, to use their utmost endeavours to obtain such repeal or modification."

Which motion, being seconded, was unanimously agreed to. It was then moved, that the report of the committee appointed to inquire what constitutes the right of officiating clergymen to vote in this convention, be taken up and considered. The motion being seconded, the report was ordered to be read; and the sense of the convention being taken thereon, it was unanimously agreed to.

On motion made and seconded, that rule the third, of the rules and regulations passed at the last convention, be altered agreeably to the above report; it was determined in the affirmative, unanimously.

The rule, so altered, being then read, it was moved by the secretary and was seconded, that the same be amended by striking out the words—"*or shall not attend the Convention.*"

The question being taken, was determined in the affirmative.

The rule, thus amended, being then read—It was moved that the same be adopted; and on the question being put, it was determined in the affirmative.

On motion, that the convention do proceed to the election of a standing committee, a previous question arose—whether the said committee should consist of members of the convention only, or of members of the Protestant Episcopal Church within the state, indiscriminately. It was determined by a majority of the parishes represented, that it should consist of members of the Pro: Epis. Church indiscriminately.

The following persons were then elected as the standing committee for the ensuing year:

Clergy—The Rev. Dr. Jenkins, Rev. W. Percy, Rev. Mr. Pogson, Rev. T. Mills, and Rev. N. Bowen.

Laity—John Dawson, jun. D. Alexander, John Parker, Wm. Doughty, and Peter Smith, Esqrs.

The convention adjourned.

TWENTY-FIRST CONVENTION

Of the Pro. Epis. Church in So. Ca. held in Charleston, Feb. 15 & 16, 1808.

CHARLESTON, Monday, Feb. 15, 1808.

This being the day for holding the annual convention of the Pro. Epis. Church in this state, several members attended in St. Michael's Church; viz:

St. Philip's—Rev. Mr. Percy, Rev. Mr. Simons, Thomas Roper, and Robert Dewar.

St. Michael's—Rev. Mr. Bowen, J. J. Pringle, John Dawson, jun. David Alexander, John Robertson, Charles Kershaw.

St. James', Goose-Creek—Peter Smith.

St. Thomas and St. Dennis—Hugh Rose, John Elias Moore.

Edisto Island—Benjamin Seabrook.

Georgetown—Benjamin Trapier.

Prayers being read by the Rev. Mr. Bowen, and a Sermon delivered by the Rev. Dr. Percy, Mr. Pringle was requested to take the chair, when the Delegates presented testimonials of their appointment, which were read and approved.

Henry M. Rutledge appearing as a lay-delegate from St. George's parish, a quorum was formed, and the chairman called the attention of the convention to the election of a president and secretary, agreeably to the 4th and 5th rules. Mr. Pringle was then elected president, and the Rev. Mr. Bowen, secretary.

On motion, *Resolved*, that the delegates be requested to submit to the convention a statement of the circumstances of their several

parishes, whereupon, the delegates being called upon by parishes, severally reported as follows:

St. Philip's—The Church in perfect repair, its funds more than adequate to the disbursements of the Vestry, and the services regularly administered by a Rector and Assistant.

St. Michael's—The same report as from St. Philip's, with the exception as to the funds of the Church, they not being more than equal to the disbursements.

St. James', Goose-Creek—The Church a little out of repair, the Minister maintained by subscription, at present without a Minister.

St. Thomas and St. Dennis—The Church and Chapel in tolerable repair, the funds adequate to the expenses of the parish, and which is at present supplied by the Rev. G. T. Nankivel.

Edisto—The Church in good repair; ample funds; at present no Minister; although exertions have been made to obtain one.

Georgetown—The Church in good repair; funds ample, and the Rectorship vacant by the death of the Rev. Samuel Lilly.

St. George's—The Church lately partially repaired; the expenses defrayed by subscription; at present without a Minister.

On motion, the convention adjourned until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

Tuesday, February 16, 1808.

The convention met, and prayers were read by the Rev. Dr. Percy.

Wm. L. Smith, and Charles Cochran, delegates from St. Philip's Church, Rev. Mr. Fowler, Rector of St. Bartholomew's; Rev. Mr. Nankivel, Rector of St. Thomas; George Reid, from St. Michael's, and Tho. Deveaux, from Beaufort, appeared and took their seats.

The minutes of yesterday were read. The Secretary delivered to the President, a letter addressed to him by the chairman of the Vestry of St. Philip's Church, which being read, was ordered to be entered on the minutes, and is as follows:

"*Charleston, Feb.* 6, 1808.

"DEAR SIR,

"I am instructed to inform you, that the members of St. Philip's Church, at their annual meeting on the 20th July last, disagreed to the third rule of the convention of the Pro. Epis. Church in So. Ca. as amended by them at their last meeting, and which is in the following words, to wit: "The officiating Clergy of the Pro. Epis. Churches of this state, shall be deemed, *ex officio*, members of this convention, with a right to vote with the Lay-Delegates, provided that such right shall not appertain to the officiating Clergyman of any particular Church, in cases where Lay-Delegates have not been appointed, or shall not attend the convention from said Church." These last words "or shall not attend the convention from said Churches, being stricken out on motion of the Secretary of said convention, seconded and agreed to." Upon taking up the question, (by the members of St. Philip's Church) the third rule of the convention, thus amended as above, was unani-

mously disagreed to; and, therefore, is not to be considered as binding on this congregation.

" I have the honour to be, with much respect and esteem, Dear Sir, your most obd't. Serv't.

" KEATING SIMONS,
" *Chairman of the Vestry of St. Philip.*

" Rev. NATH. BOWEN,
" *Secretary of Convention.*"

It was moved, that the 3d rule be amended, by inserting between the words " appointed," and " from such Church," the words " or having been appointed," shall not attend the convention." After some debate, this motion was withdrawn, when it was moved by Mr. Gaillard,* to amend the said rule as follows: " the officiating Clergy of the Pro. Epis. Churches in this state, shall be deemed *ex officio* members of this convention, with a right to vote with the Lay Delegates, *and such right shall appertain*, &c. This motion being also withdrawn, Mr. Smith from St. Philip's, asked and obtained leave to read instructions of a meeting of the congregation of St. Philip's to the Lay Delegates in state convention, requiring them to use their endeavours, to obtain an amendment of the 3d rule, by restoring the words " or shall not attend," which were struck out by the last convention. Mr. Smith then moved that those words be restored. After considerable debate, the question was taken on restoring the words, and was lost.

The convention then proceeded to the election of delegates to the general convention; whereupon, the following persons were elected: Rev. Mr. Fowler, Rev. Mr. Bowen, R. J. Turnbull, Dr. Campbell, David Alexander.

On motion, Resolved, that in case all, or any of the persons so elected to represent the Churches of this state in general convention, should not be able to attend the same, the standing committee should appoint one or more persons in the room of him or them as the case may require.

It was moved and agreed to, that the delegates be furnished by the Secretary with instructions to endeavour to obtain a repeal or modification of the 2d and 4th of the canons passed in the year 1804.

It was then Resolved, that the convention proceed to the election of the standing committee.

On motion of Mr. Wm. L. Smith, Resolved, that this committee consist of members of the convention, and not, as heretofore, of members of the Episcopal Church, indiscriminately.

Whereupon the following persons were elected for the ensuing year: Rev. Edward Jenkins, D. D. Rev. William Percy, D. D. Rev. Nath. Bowen, Rev. J. D. Simons, Rev. G. T. Nankivel, J. J. Pringle, John Dawson, jun. David Alexander, John Parker, Peter Smith.

The convention adjourned.

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* It does not appear what Church this gentlemen represented.

TWENTY-SECOND CONVENTION

Of the Pro. Epis. Church in So. Ca. held in Charleston, Feb. 20 & 21, 1809.

List of the Clergy and Lay-Delegates who composed the convention.

CLERGY.

The Rev. W. Percy, Officiating in St. Philip's and St. Michael's Churches; The Rev. Thomas Mills, Rector of St. Andrew's; The Rev. Andrew Fowler, Rector of St. Bartholomew's; The Rev. G. T. Nankivel, Rector of St. Thomas'; The Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, Rector of St. Michael's; The Rev. James D. Simons, Minister of St. Philip's; The Rev. J. J. Tschudy, Minister of Claremont; The Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, Rector of St. John's, Berkley.

LAY DELEGATES.

St. Michael's—J. J. Pringle, J. Dawson, jun. David Alexander, Robert Hazlehurst.
Dorchester—Henry Middleton.
St. Andrew's—Charles Lining.
St. James', Goose-Creek—Peter Smith.
St. Bartholomew's—D. S. Bellinger.
Beaufort—Stephen Elliot.
Prince George, Winyaw—J. M. Taylor.
Edisto—Benjamin Seabrook.
Claremont—Thomas Waties, Cleland Kinloch.

The following Clergymen, entitled to seats in the convention, did not appear: The Rev. Hugh Frazer, Rector of Prince Frederick's; the Rev. Galen Hicks, Rector of St. Helena's Church, Beaufort.

CHARLESTON, Monday, Feb. 20, 1809.

This being the day appointed for the annual meeting of the convention of the Pro. Epis. Churches, in this state, several of the Clergy and Lay Delegates, attended at half past 10 o'clock, A. M. in St. Michael's Church, where prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Bowen, and a sermon delivered by the Rev. Dr. Percy.

After divine service, Judge Waties being called to the chair, the Lay Delegates presented the certificates of their election, by the several parishes; and a sufficient number of parishes being present by their delegates, to form a quorum, the convention proceeded to business.

The Rev. Dr. Percy was elected President, and the Rev. Mr. Bowen, Secretary.

On motion, the report of the Rev. Andrew Fowler, Rev. Mr. Bowen, David Alexander, and R. J. Turnbull, delegates from this

convention to the late general convention was read.* Whereupon it appearing that the object of the instructions of this convention to their delegates had been fully effected, the thanks of the convention were, on motion, unanimously returned to them for their faithful execution of the duties of their appointment.

On motion, a report of the proceedings of the standing committee for the last year, was read, whereupon it was moved and agreed to, that sundry resolutions of a meeting of the congregation of St. Philip's Church, referred to in that report, as delivered to the committee, to be by them submitted to the convention, be read—which having been done, it was moved by Major Lining, that a committee of five be appointed to consider and report, whether any, and if any, what alterations are necessary in the rule, of the Pro. Episcopal Churches in this state, referred to in the resolutions of St. Philip's congregation, and what modification has been made by the general convention of the canons referred to, in the same resolutions: which motion being agreed to, Judge Waties, Stephen Elliott, Cleland Kinloch, John Dawson, jun. Esq. and the Rev. Mr. Bowen, were then appointed a committee, in conformity thereto. It was then moved, that the convention do adjourn until half past 10 o'clock, to-morrow, to receive the report of the committee, which being agreed to, the convention accordingly adjourned.

Tuesday, February 21.

The convention met pursuant to adjournment. Present as yesterday, and Rev. Mr. Nankivel, Rector of St. Thomas's Parish, and Peter Smith, Esq. Lay Delegate from Goose-Creek Church, who having presented the credentials of his appointment, took his seat in the convention. The Rev. Mr. Fowler read prayers.

Judge Waties, as chairman of the committee to whom were referred the resolutions of St. Philip's Church, reported as follows:

The committee to whom was referred the resolutions of a meeting of the congregation of St. Philip's Church, expressive of their disapprobation of the 3d of the rules adopted by the convention of the Churches of this state, for the government of the same, and of certain canons passed in the general convention, held in the year 1804—Beg leave respectfully to Report:—That having taken the said resolutions into their serious consideration, after mature deliberation thereon, they have unanimously agreed to recommend, and do recommend, to the convention, that in the place of the above mentioned 3d rule,† the following be substituted, viz.

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* This Report informed the convention, that the delegates appointed, having been unable to attend the general convention, they had forwarded a memorial to that body, praying a repeal, or modification, of canons 1, 2, and 3, of those passed in the year 1804, and that the wishes of the Churches of this state, as expressed by the delegates, having been complied with, the object of their instructions had been fully effected.

† The third rule was as follows: "The officiating Clergy of the Pro. Epis. Churches of this state, shall be deemed, *ex officio* members of the convention, with a right to vote with the Lay Delegates: Provided this right shall not appertain to the Minister of any particular Church, in cases where Lay Delegates have not been appointed from such Church.

" The Minister or Ministers of every Church, which shall have acceded to these rules, shall always be *ex officio* a member or members of this convention, with a right to vote in all matters requiring the suffrages thereof: and this right of voting shall always appertain to the Minister or Ministers of every Church from which lay delegates may not be appointed; or having been appointed, may not attend the convention; provided a certificate be produced by said Minister or Ministers, to the convention, signed by a majority of the Vestry of the Church, with which he or they may be connected, expressive of their wish or consent, that he or they should exercise such right in the absence of lay delegates."

Your committee beg leave further to report, that the objections stated in the same resolutions, to the 1st, 2d and 4th of the canons passed in general convention in the year 1804, being the 29th, 30th and 32d canons, have, in their opinion, been removed by the modification of those canons, which was made by the late general convention, held on the 3d Tuesday in May 1808.

The committee respectfully recommend to this convention, that a committee be appointed from their body, to communicate to the Vestry of St. Philip's Church, the result of their deliberations, on the objects of the resolutions of the meeting of the people of said Church, and to explain to them the principles on which the above alterations in the rules, if agreed to, was adopted by the convention. It is also recommended, that the committee so appointed, be instructed to refer the Vestry of St. Philip's Church to the alterations which have been made by the late general convention, in those canons* to which the meeting of said Church objected, in the resolutions communicated by said meeting, to the convention.

It was then moved that the convention proceed to the consideration of the report; whereupon it was moved, that the words *ex officio* be struck out from the first part of the rule recommended in the report, to be substituted in the place of the 3d rule—the question was taken and lost, 7 Churches voting in the negative, and 3 in the affirmative.

It was then moved, that the sense of the convention be taken on the whole report, which motion being agreed to, the question was accordingly put, on agreeing to the whole report, and passed unanimously in the affirmative.

It was then moved that a committee be appointed, agreeably to the last clause of the above report, which motion being agreed to, without debate, the President and Secretary of the convention, and John Julius Pringle, Esq. were accordingly appointed that committee.

It was moved, that the stated meeting of the annual convention of the Churches of this state, be in future, on the 3d Tuesday, in-

* The canons objected to were, 1st, concerning the election and induction of Ministers into Parishes or Churches; 2d, respecting the dissolution of all Pastoral connection, between Ministers and their Congregations; and 3d, respecting differences between Ministers and their Congregations: which canons were altered by the addition of the following clause to each of them, viz. This canon shall not be obligatory upon the Church, in those States or Dioceses with whose usages, laws or charters it interferes.

stead of the 3d Monday, in February, and that the 1st rule of the convention be altered accordingly; which was agreed to without opposition.

It was moved, to amend the 6th rule by striking out the first clause, and inserting in its stead, *a standing committee, consisting of an equal number of Clergymen and Laymen, shall be elected from among the members of the convention, at every stated meeting of the same, for the purposes,* &c. which amendment was agreed to without opposition.

The following resolutions were moved, and passed without opposition:

Resolved, That no person residing in this state, as a candidate for Deacon's orders, shall be recommended as such to any Bishop, unless his intention to apply for holy orders, had been made known to the standing committee, at least one year prior to the time at which he makes application to them for testimonials; nor unless he has been examined by a majority of the clerical members of the standing committee, agreeably to the requisitions of the 10th canon of the general convention.

Resolved, As the sense of this convention, that a fund ought to be raised among the Churches of this state, for the maintenance of Missionaries to preach the Gospel in the remoter parts of the state, and visit and hold divine service in all such parishes as may be destitute of Ministers, and that the standing committee be instructed to consider and prepare a plan for raising such a fund, which may be submitted to the next regular convention of this Church.

The delegates being called upon, reported the state of their several parishes.

The following were reported by their delegates to be still without Ministers—*Georgetown, Dorchester, Edisto* and *Goose-Creek.*

It was moved to amend the 11th rule by striking out the words, "*a fair and correct copy of the Register of the Church, in which he officiates, in order that it may be recorded in the secretary of state's office, for the further safety and preservation of the same,*" and introducing after the words *Funerals* "*and Communicants*"—"*and shall deliver to the State Convention, a correct statement of the number of each, to be published in the Journals of the Convention.*" The motion for this amendment was carried without opposition.

The clerical members being called upon to inform the convention of visits made by them to vacant Churches, in the course of the past year, agreeably to a standing resolution of the convention: Dr. Percy reported, that he had visited, and held divine service in *St. Luke's Parish, Hilton Head*, and *St. Helena*; Rev. Mr. Bowen, in *St. Stephen's Parish, at the Black Oak Chapel, St. John's*, and at *Georgetown*; Rev. Mr. Simons, *in St. Stephen's, and the new Chapel at the Rocks in St. John's*; Rev. Mr. Gadsden, *in St. Stephen's, and the Chapel at Black Oak*—All of whom assured the convention, that they had found in these vacant Churches, a sincere desire for the establishment of a regular ministry among them, in the most respectable manner possible.

The convention having, on motion, proceeded to the election of a standing committee for the ensuing year, the following persons

were duly elected: Rev. Dr. Percy, Rev. Mr. Mills, Rev. Mr. Fowler, Rev. Mr. Nankivel, Rev. Mr. Bowen, Rev. Mr. Simons, J. J. Pringle, J. Dawson, jun. David Alexander, Charles Lining, Thomas Corbett, Peter Smith.

The Secretary was instructed to apply to the delegates of the several parishes for their respective contributions, towards the expenses of the convention.

The convention then rose.

TWENTY-THIRD CONVENTION,

Of the Pro. Epis. Church in So. Ca. held in St. Michael's Church, Charleston, Feb. 20 & 21, 1810.

List of the Clergy and Lay-Delegates, Members of the Convention.

CLERGY.

The Rev. William Percy, D. D. Rector of the third Episcopal Church; The Rev. Thomas Mills, D. D. Rector of St. Andrew's; The Rev. Andrew Fowler, Rector of St. Bartholomew's; The Rev. Solomon Halling, Rector of Prince George's, Winyaw; The Rev. Hugh Fraser, Rector of Prince Frederick's; The Rev. Joseph Warren, Rector of Edisto Island Church; The Rev. John Jacob Tschudy, Rector of Claremont; The Rev. James Dewar Simons, Rector of St. Philip's, Charleston; The Rev. Christopher Edwards Gadsden, Assistant Minister of St. Philip's, Charleston.

LAY-DELEGATES.

St. Philip's—Thomas Corbett, sen. Thomas Roper, William Loughton Smith, Charles B. Cochran.

St. Michael's—John J. Pringle, Judge Gaillard, John Dawson, jun. David Alexander, Robert Hazlehurst, John Potter.

Third Episcopal Church—Judge Grimke, Major Haskell.

St. Andrew's—Charles Lining, John S. Cripps.

St. James', Goose-Creek—Peter Smith.

St. Bartholomew's—William Lowndes.

Edisto Island—Benjamin Seabrook.

Prince William's—John Ward.

Prince George's, Winyaw—Samuel Wragg, Benjamin F. Trapier, John M. Taylor.

Prince Frederick's—Thomas Scott.

Claremont—Judge Waties, Cleland Kinloch, Dr. Brownfield.

The following Clergymen, entitled to a seat in the Convention, did not appear: The Rev. Galen Hicks, Rector of St. Helena Church, Beaufort; The Rev. Theodore Dehon, D. D. Rector of St. Michael's, declined taking his seat this year, as a Member of the Convention.

The following Churches were not represented in this Convention: Christ Church, St. Thomas and St. Dennis, St. John's,

Berkley, St. Stephen's, Santee, St. James', Santee, All-Saints, Waccamaw, St. Luke's, St. John's, Colleton, St. Helena, on the Island of St. Helena, St. Helena's Church, Beaufort, St. Matthew's, St. Peter's, St. Paul's, St. George, Dorchester.

CHARLESTON, Tuesday, 20th February, 1810.

This being the day appointed for the annual meeting of the convention of the Pro. Epis. Church, in the state of South-Carolina, several of the Clergy and Lay-Delegates, attended in St. Michael's, at half past ten o'clock, when Divine Service was performed by the Rev. Solomon Halling, Rector of Prince George's, Winyaw, and a Sermon, suitable to the occasion, preached by the Rev. Andrew Fowler, Rector of St. Bartholomew's.

After Divine Service, the Convention assembled, and the Rev. Dr. Percy being called to the chair, the following Clergy, *ex officio* members of the Convention appeared, and the Lay-Delegates presented the certificates of their appointment, which were read, and severally approved; and the following Clergy and Lay-Delegates took their seats:

St. Philip's—Rev. James Dewar Simons, Rector, Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, Assistant Minister, Thomas Corbett, sen. Thos. Roper, Wm. Loughton Smith, Charles B. Cochran.

St. Michael's—John J. Pringle, Judge Gaillard, John Dawson, jun. David Alexander, Robert Hazlehurst, John Potter.

Third Episcopal Church—Rev. William Percy, D. D. Rector, Judge Grimke.

St. Andrew's—Rev. Thomas Mills, D. D. Rector, Charles Lining, John Splatt Cripps.

St. James', Goose-Creek—Peter Smith.

St. Bartholomew's—Rev. Andrew Fowler, Rector, William Lowndes.

Prince George, Winyaw—Rev. Solomon Halling, Rector, S. Wragg, Benjamin F. Trapier, John M. Taylor.

Edisto Island—Rev. Joseph Warren, Rector, Benj. Seabrook,

Prince William's—John Ward.

Prince Frederick's—Rev. Hugh Fraser, Rector, Thomas Scott.

Claremont, St. Mark's—Rev. John J. Tschudy, Rector, Judge Waties, Dr. Brownfield, Cleland Kinloch.

The Convention then proceeded to the election by ballot, of a president, secretary and treasurer, when the Rev. Dr. Percy was duly elected president, and the Rev. James D. Simons, secretary and treasurer.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Rev. Dr. Dehon, Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, Rev. Milward Pogson, and Rev. Paul T. Gervais, be admitted to the sittings of this convention.

The journals of the last convention, and of the standing committee for the last year, were read.

In conformity with the forty-sixth canon of the general convention, the secretary proceeded to read the constitution and canons of the Church; but on motion, it was resolved, after some debate, that the reading be postponed.

Mr. Wm. Loughton Smith offered to the Convention the following motion, the consideration of which was postponed until to-morrow;

"The officiating clergy of the Pro. Epis. Church, in this state, shall be deemed *ex officio*, members of this convention, with a right to vote with the lay-delegates; provided, that such right shall not appertain to the officiating clergy of any particular Church, in cases where lay-delegates have not been appointed, *or shall not attend* the convention from such Church."

The convention adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Wednesday, 21st February, 1810—10 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention met, and Prayers were read by the Rev. Dr. Mills.

Major Haskell, a Delegate from the Third Episcopal Church appeared and took his seat.

Mr. Wm. Loughton Smith's motion, which was postponed for consideration until this day, was brought forward, and after much debate, upon the question being taken it was passed in the negative.

The Clergy were called on by the president, to submit the parochial reports required by the 11th rule of the convention, which were rendered in, and inserted on the journals, agreeably to the forty-fifth canon of the general convention.

"Reports of the state of the congregations of the Pro. Epis. Church in the state of South-Carolina, from February 1809, to February, 1810.

St. Philip's Church—Rev. James Dewar Simons, Rector; Baptisms, 106; Marriages, 19; Funerals, 52; Communicants, 190 White, 120 Persons of Colour.

St. Michael's Church—Rev. Theodore Dehon, D. D. Rector; the Churchwardens report, (Rector having just assumed his charge) Baptisms, 52; Marriages, 13; Funerals, 8; Communicants, 147 Whites, 73 Persons of Colour.

Rev. Dr. Percy, (late officiating in St. Philip's and St. Michael's, now Rector of the Third Pro. Epis. Church,) reports, Baptisms, 15; Marriages, 6; Funerals, 11.

Rev. Christopher Edwards Gadsden, late Minister of St. John's, Berkley, (now Assistant Minister of St. Philip's, Charleston,) reports, Baptisms, 26; Marriages, 5; Funerals, 7; Communicants, 9.

St. Andrew's—Rev. Thomas Mills, Rector; Baptisms, 5; Marriages, 5, Funerals, —; Communicants, —.

Prince George's, Winyaw—Rev. Solomon Halling, Rector; Baptisms 3; Marriages 2; Funerals 4; Communicants, 34 whites, 6 persons of colour.

St. Bartholomew's—Rev. Andrew Fowler, Rector; Baptisms 13; Marriages 6; Funerals 7; Communicants 40.

Prince Frederick's—Rev. Hugh Fraser, Rector; Baptisms 10; Marriages 5; Funerals 4; Communicants 13.

Claremont, St. Mark's—Rev. J. J. Tschudy, Rector; Baptisms 28; Marriages —; Funerals 7; Communicants —.

Edisto Island—Rev. Joseph Warren, Rector; Baptisms 5; Marriage 1; Funerals 5; Communicants 6.

The standing committee, appointed at the last convention, to report a plan for raising a fund to defray the expenses of Missionaries, to preach the Gospel in the vacant parishes of this state, submitted the following Report:

"That it be recommended to the convention to appoint an anniversary day, on which a sermon shall be preached in each of the Episcopal Churches, associated in the convention, and a collection be made for the above mentioned purpose: *And moreover*, That each Clergyman of this Church, be requested by the convention, to obtain private contributions for the same purpose, among the members of his parish," which, upon being amended as follows, was agreed to: "And that the Vestry of each parish should appoint such day, as they deemed most convenient, and that the standing committee be trustees for the disposal of this money."

The following gentlemen were appointed members of the standing committee for the ensuing year: Rev. William Percy, D. D. Rev. Thomas Mills, D. D. Rev. Theodore Dehon, D. D. Rev. Andrew Fowler, Rev. James Dewar Simons, Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, T. Corbett, sen. John J. Pringle, Charles Lining, John Dawson, jun. David Alexander, Peter Smith, Esqrs.

On motion of the Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, unanimously resolved, "That the Secretary of this convention do tender to the Rev. NATHANIEL BOWEN, late Secretary, their thanks for his services to them and the Church; and do enter on their journals, this expression of regret at the loss which the Church in South-Carolina has sustained in his removal from this state; and of anxious desire that the blessing of *Heaven* may attend him through life, and for ever.

On motion, Resolved, That the Secretary, as Treasurer of the convention, do apply to the delegates of the several parishes, for their respective contributions towards defraying the expenses of the convention.

Mr. Wm. Loughton Smith moved, That the third rule of the Convention, viz. "The Minister or Ministers of every Church, which shall have acceded to these rules, shall always be *ex officio*, a member or members, of the convention, with a right to vote in all matters requiring the suffrages thereof; and this right of voting shall appertain to the Minister or Ministers of any Church from which Lay Delegates may not be appointed, or having been appointed, may not attend the convention—Provided a certificate be produced by him or them, to the convention, signed by a majority of the Vestry of the Church with which he or they may be connected, expressive of their wish or assent, that he or they should exercise such right in the absence of Lay Delegates," be expunged; which motion, after some debate, was postponed for consideration, until the next meeting of the convention.

The convention adjourned.

TWENTY-FOURTH CONVENTION

Of the Pro. Epis. Church in So. Ca. held in Charleston, 18th, 19th, 20th and 22d Feb. 1812.

List of the Clergy and Lay-Deputies, who composed the Convention.

CLERGY.

The Rev. William Percy, D. D. Rector of the Third Episcopal Church, Charleston; Rev. Theodore Dehon, D. D. Rector of St. Michael's Church; Rev. Thomas Mills, D. D. Rector of St. Andrew's; Rev. Solomon Halling, Rector of Prince George's, Winyaw; Rev. Joseph Warren, Rector of St. Thomas and St. Dennis; Rev. John J. Tschudy, Rector of St. John's, Berkley, lower division; Rev. Charles B. Snowden, Rector of St. Stephen's and of the Churches near Black Oak and the Rocks, in St. John's Parish, upper division.

LAY-DELEGATES.

St. Philip's—Keating Simons, William Drayton, William L. Smith, Charles B. Cochran, Thomas Roper.

St. Michael's—John Dawson, jun. Hon. Theodore Gaillard, Jacob Read, David Alexander, Micah Jenkins.

St. James', Goose-Creek—Peter Smith.

Third Episcopal Church—Robert Gibbes, Major Haskell, Solomon Legare, Thomas S. Grimke.

St. Andrew's—Charles Lining.

Prince George's, Winyaw—Major Thomas Carr, F. A. Delesseline, Matthew I. Keith.

Edisto Island—Edward Bailey.

St. Helena Island—John Rhodes.

Christ-Church—Clement L. Prince.

St. John's, Berkley—John Ball.

St. Thomas and St. Dennis—Hugh Rose, Thomas Wigfall.

Claremont—Hon. Thomas Waties, Cleland Kinloch.

CHARLESTON, Tuesday, Feb. 18, 1812.

This being the day appointed for the annual meeting of the convention of the Pro. Epis. Church, in the state of South-Carolina, several of the Clergy and Lay-Delegates, attended in St. Michael's Church, at half past ten o'clock, A. M. when Divine Service was performed by the Rev. Dr. Mills, and a Sermon suitable to the occasion, preached by the Rev. Andrew Fowler, late Rector of St. Bartholomew's.

After Divine Service, the Rev. Dr. Percy was called to the chair; and the Rev. C. B. Snowden was requested to act as secretary pro. tem.

The following Clergy, members of the convention, appeared, and the following Lay-Delegates presented the certificates of their appointment, which were read and severally approved.

St. Philip's—Keating Simons, Thomas Roper, Wm. Drayton, C. B. Cochran, William L. Smith.

St. Michael's—Rev. Theodore Dehon, D. D. John Dawson, jun. Hon. Theodore Gaillard, Jacob Read, David Alexander, Micah Jenkins.

Third Episcopal Church—Rev. William Percy, D. D. Peter Smith, Robert Gibbes, Major Haskell.

St. Andrew's—Rev. Thomas Mills, D. D. Charles Lining.

Prince George's, Winyaw—Rev. Solomon Halling, Major Thos. Carr, Francis A. Delliesseline, Matthew I. Keith.

Edisto Island—Edward Bailey.

St Helena, Beaufort—John Rhodes.

Christ Church—Clement L. Prince.

St. John's, Berkley—John Ball.

St. Thomas and St. Dennis—Rev. Joseph Warren.

St. Stephen's—Rev. Charles B. Snowden.

It appearing that a quorum was assembled, the convention proceeded to the election of a president and secretary, by ballot, when it was found that the Rev. Dr. Percy was chosen president, and the Rev. C. B. Snowden, secretary.

Mr. John Rhodes, the Lay-Delegate from St. Helena, Beaufort, offered in behalf the Rev. John B. Campbell, of that Church, an apology for his absence from the convention.

The convention then adjourned until to-morrow, at ten o'clock, A. M.

Wednesday, 19th Feb. 1812.

The Convention met and Divine Service was performed by the Rev. C. B. Snowden.

The following gentlemen presented the certificates of their appointment as Lay-Delegates, which being read and approved, they took their seats.

Claremont—Hon. Thomas Waties, Cleland Kinloch.

St. Thomas and St. Dennis—Thomas Wigfall, Hugh Rose.

St. James', Goose-Creek—Peter Smith, he having relinquished his seat as a Delegate from the Third Episcopal Church.

Third Episcopal Church—Solomon Legare.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Rev. A. Fowler, be invited to attend the sittings of this convention.

The journals of the convention of 1810 were read.*

On motion of William L. Smith, Esq. the concluding paragraph of those journals was read as follows:

"Mr. William Loughton Smith moved, that the third rule of the convention, viz:—The Minister or Ministers of every Church, which shall have acceded to these rules, shall always be *ex officio*,

* No Convention was held in 1811.

a member or members of the convention, with a right to vote in all matters requiring the suffrages thereof; and this right of voting shall appertain to the Minister or Ministers of any Church from which Lay-Delegates may not be appointed, or having been appointed, may not attend the convention—*Provided*, a certificate be produced by him or them, to the convention, signed by a majority of the Vestry of the Church, with which he or they may be connected, expressive of their wish or assent that he or they should exercise such right in the absence of Lay-Delegates, be expunged: which motion being seconded, after some debate, was postponed for consideration until the next meeting of the convention."

Whereupon Mr. Smith moved that this convention do now proceed to the consideration of the motion submitted by him to the convention of 1810.

On motion, *Resolved*, That Mr. Smith's motion be postponed for consideration until to-morrow.

A letter was received from the Rev. Andrew Fowler, and on motion, referred to the standing committee.

The Clergy were called on by the president to submit the parochial reports, required by the 11th rule of the convention.

Reports of the state of the Congregations of the Pro. Epis. Church in the state of South-Carolina, from February 1811, to February, 1812.

St. Philip's Church—The Rector being seriously indisposed, made no report. The Rev. C. E. Gadsden, Assistant Minister, sent to the convention his report as follows: Marriages, 11; Baptisms, 71; Funerals, 55; Communicants, about 200 white persons, 125 persons of colour.

St. Michael's—Rev. Theodore Dehon, D. D. Rector; Marriages, 6; Baptisms, 53; Funerals, 29; Communicants, 203 white persons, 79 persons of colour.

Third Episcopal Church—Rev. William Percy, D. D. Rector; Marriages, 6; Baptisms, 19; Communicants between 40 and 50.

St. Andrew's—Rev. Thomas Mills, D. D. Rector; Marriages, 4; Baptisms, 5; Funerals, 4; Communicants, 7.

Prince George, Winyaw—Rev. Solomon Halling, Rector; Marriages, 2; Baptisms, 9; Funerals, 8; Communicants, 38 white persons, 8 persons of colour.

St. Bartholomew's—Rev. Andrew Fowler, late Rector; Marriages, 11; Baptisms, 39; Funerals, 16.

Edisto Island—Rev. Joseph Warren, late Rector; Marriages, 5; Baptisms, 4; Funerals, 2; Communicants, 12 white persons, 3 persons of colour.

St. Stephen's, and the two upper churches in St. John's Parish, Berkley—Rev. Charles Snowden, Rector; Marriages 3; Baptisms 24; Funerals 5; Communicants 16.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Dehon, Resolved unanimously, That the gentleman who shall officiate as the chaplain of the convention to-morrow, be directed in behalf of the convention, to offer prayers

to Almighty God for the Rector of St. Philip's, labouring under an afflictive indisposition; and that all the Clergy of the Church in this state, be requested to offer their prayers for him, in their respective parishes, on the Sunday immediately following the adjournment of this convention.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Dehon, Resolved unanimously, That at the next convention of the Church in this state, and at all future conventions of the same, the session shall be opened with prayers and a sermon, and the celebration of the Lord's supper; and that for the greater certainty of having a preacher, there shall always be appointment made of two gentlemen to that office, the person last named to officiate in case of the failure of the first.

The Rev. Solomon Halling offered to the convention the following motion, the consideration whereof was postponed until to-morrow. Resolved, That in the opinion of this convention, it is expedient to elect a Bishop, and that they do immediately proceed to such election.

The convention adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

Thursday, February 20, 1812.

The convention met and prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Tschudy.

Mr. William Loughton Smith's motion which was postponed for consideration until this day, was taken up, and on motion, was indefinitely postponed.

The hon. Thomas Waties offered to the convention the following motion. Resolved, That all the words after the word *thereof*, in the third rule of the convention, be expunged; the said rule after which alteration will stand thus: "The Minister, or Ministers, of every Church which shall have acceded to these rules, shall always be, *ex officio*, a member or members of the convention, with a right to vote in all matters requiring the suffrages thereof."

Upon the question being taken, the motion was carried.

The motion of the Rev. Solomon Halling, which was postponed for consideration until this day, was taken up, and unanimously agreed to. The convention then proceeded to the election of a Bishop, and on counting the ballots, it appeared that the Rev. Theodore Dehon, D. D. Rector of St. Michael's, in Charleston, was elected.

On motion, Resolved, That the Rev. Mr. Halling and the Rev. Mr. Tschudy, do wait upon the Rev. Dr. Dehon, and inform him of his election.

The Rev. Mr. Tschudy, in the name of the committee appointed to wait on the Bishop elect, reported, That they had performed this duty, and were requested by the Rev. Dr. Dehon, to inform the convention, that he is deeply sensible of the honor conferred on him by this appointment; that under the apprehensions he has of the responsibility which will be connected with his decision, he could wish, before he makes up his mind upon the subject, to have an interview with his Brethren of the Clergy; and that he must

therefore crave the indulgence of the convention in deferring his answer until Saturday morning.

To-morrow being set apart by the honourable the city council, as a day of public fasting, humiliation and prayer, the convention adjourned until Saturday morning, ten o'clock.

Saturday, February 22, 1812.

The convention met and prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Warren.

A letter was received from the Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, stating that he was prevented from attending the convention by indisposition, and expressing his desire to sign the testimonial of the Bishop elect. Whereupon the convention resolved that the Rev. Mr. Gadsden, not having been present at the election of the Bishop, ought not to sign his testimonial.

On motion, Resolved, That for the removal of all doubt respecting the validity of the late Episcopal Election, it is expedient to proceed to the re-election of a Bishop for the Church in this state. The convention accordingly proceeded to the re-election of a Bishop, and on counting the votes, it appeared, that the Rev. Theodore Dehon, D. D. was unanimously re-elected.

On motion, Resolved, That the Rev. Mr. Halling, the Rev. Dr. Mills, and the Rev. Mr. Tschudy, do inform the Rev. Dr. Dehon, of his being unanimously called to the Episcopate.

A letter was received from the Rev. Dr. Dehon, on the subject of the communication made to him by the committee from the convention, as follows:

Brethren of the Clergy and Laity of the Church in South-Carolina, in convention assembled,

The information I have received, through the committee appointed by you to communicate it, of your election of me to the Episcopate of the Church in this state, has very deeply affected me —whether I consider the greatness of the honour you have thereby done me, or the solemn responsibility attached to the answer, which I am now called upon to give.

With trembling anxiety I have deliberated upon the subject, and my reply is now dictated under the influence of feelings which are constantly impelling me to ask "Who is sufficient for these things?"

There are, however, considerations numerous and weighty, arising in my own mind from divers views of the subject; and urged also upon me with affectionate and pious concern, from several quarters, by those whose opinions I ought to respect, and whose wishes I ought to regard, which seem hardly to leave me at liberty (even if I wished to do so) to decline the acceptance of this appointment.

Depending, therefore, upon the promised support and co-operation of my brethren in the ministry, encouraged by the pleasing evidence which has been exhibited at this convention, of the lively interest which the laity will take in the principles and welfare of

the Church: impressed with the testimony, which the examples of the first apostles furnish of the sufficiency of God's power to use, with good effect, the humblest instrument in the cause of his truth; and relying, above all, upon the promise left graciously with the Church by its blessed head, that he will be with his ministering servants always, even unto the end of the world, I now give you my consent, with the favour of God, to be placed in the office to which you have appointed me—persuaded that of this convention I shall have every assistance in the discharge of its duties, which they can give, and commending myself humbly to your candor and prayers.

In order to carry your wishes into effect, it will be necessary, that the testimonial from the convention of the state, required in this case by the third canon of the general convention, should be prepared and signed before you adjourn; and that the standing committee should be directed by the convention to take the necessary steps for convening a college of Bishops, at such time as shall be found proper. Of the testimonial some measure will, I presume, be taken to furnish in behalf of the convention as many attested copies as the occasion may require.

In looking forward, gentlemen, to the yet distant entrance upon the duties of this office, my heart is full with emotions, which my words cannot express. God grant that it may be the means, under his blessing, of our growing up into HIM *in all things, who is the head, even Christ; and that from him the whole body, fitly joined together, and compacted by that, which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, may make increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.*

(Signed) THEODORE DEHON.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 22, 1812.

The secretary prepared the Testimonial required by the canons, in the case of the Bishop elect; and it was signed by the members of the convention.

Major Carr offered to the consideration of the convention, the following motion, which was negatived:—Resolved, That the standing committee be requested to reconsider their proceedings in the case of Mr. Philips, an applicant, for testimonials for ordination.

On motion, Resolved unanimously, That this convention behold with satisfaction the establishment and progress of the *Protestant Episcopal Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina;* and that every member of this convention will make such exertions, as may be in his power, for the increase of its funds, and extension of its usefulness; and that as the laudable object of the resolution of the last convention, respecting Missionaries, is likely to be with more certainty accomplished by that Society, the resolution aforesaid be rescinded.

The standing committee, appointed at the last convention, submitted the journal of their proceedings during the two years last past, which were approved and confirmed by the convention.

On motion, Resolved unanimously, That the standing committee be requested to take such steps as shall be necessary to comply

with all the terms of the canons, respecting the consecration of the Bishop elect.

The Rev. Dr. Dehon, was appointed to preach the sermon at the opening of the next convention. and in the event of his failure, the Rev. Dr. Mills was appointed to perform that service.

The following gentlemen were appointed members of the standing committee, for the ensuing year: The Rev. Wm. Percy. D. D. Rev. Tho. Mills, D. D. Rev. James D. Simons, Rev. C. E. Gadsden, Rev. Joseph Warren, Rev. J. J. Tschudy, Hon. John F. Grimke, Charles Lining, J. Dawson, jun. D. Alexander, P. Smith, and John Ball, Esqrs.

On motion, Resolved, That the Secretary as Treasurer of the convention, do apply to the delegates of the several parishes for their respective contributions towards defraying the expenses of the convention.

The convention adjourned.

TWENTY-FIFTH CONVENTION

Of the Pro. Epis. Church in So. Ca. held in Charleston, on the 16th, 17th, 18th & 19th February 1813.

List of the Clergy and Lay-Delegates, who attended the convention.

CLERGY.

The Right Rev. Theodore Dehon, D. D. Bishop of the Pro. Epis. Church in So. Ca. Rev. John B. Campbell, Rector of St. Helena's, Beaufort; Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, Assistant Minister of St. Philip's; Rev. Solomon Halling, D. D. Rector of Prince George's, Winyaw; Rev. Thomas Mills, D. D. Rector of St. Andrew's; Rev. William Percy, D. D. Rector of the Third Episcopal Church, Charleston; Rev. James D. Simons, Rector of St. Philip's; Rev. Charles B. Snowden, Rector of St. Stephen's, and Minister of the Churches near Black Oak and the Rocks, in St. John's parish; Rev. John Jacob Tschudy, Rector of St. John's Berkley.

The following Clergy, not entitled to seats, were admitted to the sittings of the convention: The Rev. Andrew Fowler, late Rector of St. Bartholomew's; Rev. Paul T. Gervais, residing on John's Island; Rev. M. Pogson, formerly Rector of St. James', Goose-Creek, now residing in Charleston.

The following Clergy, entitled to seats, did not attend: The Rev. Hugh Fraser, Rector of All Saints, Waccamaw; Rev. Joseph Warren, Rector of St. Thomas and St. Dennis.

LAY-DELEGATES.

St. Michael's—Jacob Read, John Dawson, David Alexander.
St. Philip's—Charles B. Cochran, Henry H. Bacot.

Third Episcopal Church, Charleston—Solomon Legare.
Prince George's, Winyaw—Samuel Wragg, Thomas R. Mitchell, Samuel Smith, Francis Kinloch.
St. Helena, Beaufort—John Rhodes, Collin Campbell.
St. Andrew's—Charles Lining, Daniel E. Huger.
St. Thomas and St. Dennis—Hugh Rose, Thomas Wigfall.
Edisto Island—Thomas B. Seabrook.
St. Helena Island—Benjamin Jenkins.
St James', Goose-Creek—Peter Smith.
Christ Church—John Geyer, Clement L. Prince.
All-Saints—Dr. J. O. Watson.
St. Paul's Church, St. Paul's Parish—Dr. Haig, Wm. Washington.
Columbia—Charles Kershaw, Robert Hazlehurst.

CHARLESTON, Tuesday, February 16, 1813.

This being the day appointed for the annual meeting of the convention of the Pro. Epis. Church, in So. Ca. several of the Clergy and Lay Delegates attended in St. Michael's Church, at half past 10 o'clock; when divine service was performed by the Right Rev. Theodore Dehon, D. D. and the Rev. William Percy, D. D. and a sermon, suitable to the occasion, preached by the Bishop. To these usual solemnities was added the celebration of the Lord's supper, according to a standing rule of the convention.

After divine service, the Right Rev. Theodore Dehon, D. D. was called to the chair; and the Rev. Mr. Snowden was requested to act as secretary, pro. tem.

The following Clergy, members of the convention, appeared, and the following Lay Delegates presented certificates of their appointment, which were read and severally approved.

St. Philip's—Rev. James D. Simons, Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, Henry H. Bacot.
St. Michael's—Right Rev. Theodore Dehon, D. D. Jacob Read, John Dawson.
Third Episcopal Church—Rev. William Percy, D. D. Solomon Legare.
Prince George's, Winyaw—Rev. Solomon Halling, D. D. Samuel Wragg, Thomas R. Mitchell, Samuel Smith.
St. Helena's, Beaufort—Rev. John B. Campbell, John Rhodes, Collin Campbell.
St. John's, Berkley—Rev. John J. Tschudy.
St. Andrew's—Rev. Tho. Mills, D. D. Charles Lining, Daniel E. Huger.
St. Stephen's—Rev. C. B. Snowden.
St. Thomas and St. Dennis—Hugh Rose, Thomas Wigfall.
Edisto Island—Thomas B. Seabrook.
St. Helena Island—Benjamin Jenkins.
St James', Goose-Creek—Peter Smith.
Christ Church—John Geyer, Clement L. Prince.

It appearing that a quorum was assembled, the convention proceeded to the election of a president and secretary, by ballot;

when it was found, that the Right Rev. Theodore Dehon, D. D. was unanimously elected president, and the Rev. Mr. Tschudy was duly elected secretary and treasurer.

The Journals of the last convention were read.

The convention then adjourned until to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

Wednesday, 17th Feb. 1813.

The convention met; and divine service was performed by the Rev. Thomas Mills, D. D.

Dr. Haig and Wm. Washington, appeared, and presented the certificate of their appointment as lay delegates, from St. Paul's Church, in St. Paul's parish; which being read and approved of, they took their seats.

On motion of Major Wragg, *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to consider the pecuniary concerns of the Church, and to report thereon.

On motion of Mr. Huger, *Resolved*, That the committee consist of five, and be appointed by the president.

The Rev. C. B. Snowden, the Rev. J. J. Tschudy, Major S. Wragg, D. E. Huger, and T. R. Mitchell, Esqrs. were accordingly appointed the committee.

The following gentlemen appeared, and presented the certificates of their appointment as lay delegates; which being read and approved of, they took their seats:—Charles Kershaw and Robert Hazlehurst, from the Pro. Epis. Church in Columbia; Col. C. B. Cochran, from St. Philip's; Dr. J. O. Watson from All-Saints, Waccamaw; David Alexander, from St. Michael's; and Francis Kinloch, from Prince George's, Winyaw.

The following parochial reports, required by the 45th canon of the general convention, were presented by the Clergy, and read.

St. Michael's—Right Rev. Theodore Dehon, D. D. Rector; Baptisms 56; Marriages 12; Funerals 22; Communicants, 230 whites, 90 persons of colour.

St. Philip's—Rev. James D. Simons, Rector, and Rev. C. E. Gadsden, Assistant Minister; Baptisms, 24 adults, 89 infants; Marriages 15; Funerals 88; Communicants, about 200 white, 150 persons of colour.

Third Episcopal Church, Charleston—Rev. Wm. Percy, D. D. Rector; Baptisms 6; Marriages 2; Funerals —; Communicants, from 40 to 50.

Prince George's, Winyaw—Rev. Solomon Halling, D. D. Rector; Baptisms 3; Marriages 2; Funerals 5; Communicants, 32 whites, 8 persons of colour.

St. Helena's, Beaufort—Rev. John B. Campbell, Rector; Baptisms 10; Marriages 7; Funerals 8; Communicants 56.

Pineville Church, and the upper Churches in St. John's—Rev. Charles B. Snowden, Rector; Baptisms 10; Marriages 2; Funerals 2; Communicants 20.

St. John's, Berkley—Rev. John Jacob Tschudy, Rector; Baptisms 8 infants, 2 adult slaves; Marriage 1; Funerals 3; Communicants 12 white, 3 persons of colour.

St. Andrew's—Rev. Thomas Mills, D. D. Rector; Baptisms 13; Marriages 4; Funerals 2; Communicants, as before.

St. Helena Church, Island of St. Helena—Reported by the Rev. J. B. Campbell, Visitor; Baptisms 3; Marriages 2; Funerals 1; Communicants 12.

Rev. Andrew Fowler, Missionary from the *Pro. Epis. Soc. for the advancement of Christianity in So. Ca.*—At *Columbia*, Baptisms 1 adult, 3 children; Communicants 11—At *Camden*, Baptisms, 1 adult, 7 children; Communicants 4—At *Stateburg*, Baptism 1 child—Total Marriages 3.

The report of the standing committee, for the last year, was then read.

An explanation of this minute of the standing committee, on the 29th of September last, viz: "on the question being put, six gentlemen voted in the affirmative, and three in the negative," was requested by Mr. Huger, and readily given.

The following amendment to the report was then moved by Mr. Huger, and unanimously adopted:

"The gentlemen, voting in the negative, were influenced by no objection to the character of Mr Dalcho, but solely from an impression that he had acted irregularly in having read prayers, without a license a few days before."

The report of the standing committee, thus amended, was then approved of and confirmed.*

It was moved by the Rev. Mr. Snowden, that the following amendment be added to the 3d rule.

"Provided these matters shall, in no case, affect the temporal concerns of the Church, or of any particular parish, or congregation."

After considerable debate, the further consideration of the proposed amendment was, on motion of Major Wragg, postponed until to-morrow.

The convention then adjourned until to-morrow at ten o'clock.

Thursday, February 18, 1813.

The convention met, and divine service was performed by the Rev. Andrew Fowler.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

The Rev. Mr. Snowden, as chairman of the committee, appointed yesterday, laid before the convention the following report:

The committee, who were charged to inquire into the pecuniary concerns of the convention, report as follows:

They find, that the debts of the convention amount to $220 75. And, for the purpose of discharging this debt, they recommend, that the several churches in the state be requested to make a collection, as soon after the adjournment of the convention as convenient, to be forwarded to the treasurer.

They also recommend, that the secretary and treasurer be directed to have number of copies of the canons of the Church

* F. D. having read prayers by written directions from Dr. Percy, President of the standing committee, Bishop Dehon held him excused.

printed, in case the fund to be raised be sufficient for that purpose; and that two copies be sent to each Church.

The convention having proceeded to the consideration of the report, it was approved of and confirmed.

On motion of Gen. Read, *Resolved*, That the president appoint two Clerical gentlemen to preach the sermon at the opening of the next convention, one to officiate in case of the other's failure.

In pursuance of which resolution, the president appointed the Rev. Dr. Mills, to preach the sermon, and the Rev. Mr. Gadsden, in the case of his failure.

The report of the committee, appointed to inquire into the pecuniary concerns of the convention, was, on motion of Major Wragg, amended as follows: after the word "printed" was inserted "or purchased."

On motion of Mr. Dawson, the blank in said report was filled up with 500.

The amendment to the 3d rule, which was proposed yesterday, and postponed until to-day, was now called up by the Rev. Mr. Snowden, for consideration.

After considerable debate, it was moved by the Rev. Mr. Tschudy, to strike out the words "of the church or," and decided in the negative.

The main question was likewise decided in the negative.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Gadsden, *Resolved*, that the gentleman, who shall officiate as chaplain during the continuance of this convention, be requested, in behalf of this convention, to return thanks to Almighty God for the recovery from afflictive indisposition of the Rector of St. Philip's, in whose behalf the prayers of this convention were offered at its last annual meeting; and that all the clergy of the Church, in this state, be also requested to return thanksgiving for the same mercy, in their respective parishes, on Sunday, 28th day of February, or on some other Sunday, near the adjournment of this convention; and that the Right Rev. Bishop be respectfully requested by the secretary in behalf this convention, to prepare a form of thanksgiving for the occasion.

The convention then adjourned until to-morrow at ten o'clock, A. M.

Friday, February 19, 1813.

The convention met, and Divine Service was performed by the Rev. Dr. Halling; when the following form of thanksgiving was used prepared by the Bishop agreeably to the resolution of yesterday:

O most gracious God, who art the giver of life, of health, and of safety, the author and preserver of all the faculties of our bodies and of our minds, we bless thy name, that thou hast been pleased to deliver, from his afflictive indisposition, thy ministering servant, for whom aforetime thou didst permit us to offer unto thee our prayers and supplications; and for whose restoration through thy Almighty goodness we desire now to offer and present unto thee, with holy gladness, the oblations of our gratitude and praise. O

what troubles and adversities hast thou showed him! And yet didst thou turn and refresh him; yea, and broughtest him from the deep of the earth again! Therefore do we praise thee and thy faithfulness, O God; unto thee do we give thanks, O thou Worship of the faithful—Confirm unto him his recovery, most merciful Father; and preserve him evermore, we beseech thee, by thy favour and help—that being restored to health of body, vigour of mind, and cheerfulness of spirit, he may be able to go successfully from thee to thy people with the messages of thy will and peace: and come acceptably unto thee from them with their homage, and supplications, and other bounden duty and service—Grant that his own heart, and the hearts of thy people, may be duly impressed with a sense of thy merciful goodness; and may he devote the residue of his days to an humble, holy and obedient walking before thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Gadsden, *Resolved*, that the report of the committee, appointed to inquire into the pecuniary concerns of the convention, be reconsidered.

It was then moved by the Rev. Mr. Gadsden, and carried unanimouly, that the report be so amended as to read thus:

The committee, who were charged to inquire into the pecuniary concerns of the convention, report as follows:

They find, that the debts of the convention amount to $220 75. And whereas it is expedient to discharge the necessary expenses of the convention; and whereas this body, not possessing any control over the funds of the individual churches or parishes, is solicitous of raising the sum which may be necessary for the aforesaid purpose, in a way as little inconvenient, as possible, to the different churches.

They, therefore, recommend, that the several churches in the state be requested, as soon after the adjournment of the convention as convenient, to contribute towards the payment of the debts of the convention, such sums as they may think proper; and that these sums be forwarded to the treasurer.

They also recommend that the secretary and treasurer be directed to have 500 number of copies of the Canons of the Church printed, or purchased, in case the fund to be raised be sufficient for that purpose, and that two copies be presented to each church.

On motion of Major Wragg, the words "number of" were struck out.

The report, thus amended, was approved of and confirmed.

On motion of the Rev. Mr Gadsden, Ordered, that the secretary transmit a copy of this report to every church.

The Rev. Mr. Tschudy moved, that the following be adopted as a new rule:

The Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the state of South-Carolina, shall always be *ex officio* chairman, or president of this convention; and in case of his absence, one shall be elected pro. tem. from among the clerical members attending; and the 4th rule is hereby repealed.

The words "chairman or" were on motion of J. Dawson, Esq. struck out; and also the word "clerical," on motion of the Rev. Mr. Gadsden.

The new rule proposed was then unanimously adopted, as amended.

The convention having determined to proceed to the election of a standing committee for the ensuing year, it was resolved, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Percy, that the president appoint the same in conformity with the 6th rule.

Whereupon the following gentlemen were declared the standing committee for the ensuing year:

The Rev. William Percy, D. D. Rev. Thomas Mills, D. D. Rev. James D. Simons, Rev. C. E. Gadsden, Rev. J. J. Tschudy, Rev. C. B. Snowden, Charles B. Cochran, John Dawson, David Alexander, Charles Lining, Peter Smith, Wm. Washington.

Agreeably to the 45th canon of the general convention "providing for an accurate view of the state of the Church from time to time," the Right Rev. Bishop delivered the following address:

Brethren, the Clergy and Laity of the Convention,

The short time which has elapsed since I entered into the relation to you, in which I now stand, affords me little matter to communicate to you, while I discharge the duty required of me by the 45th canon of the general convention. That canon enjoins, that, "*at every annual State or Diocesan Convention, the Bishop shall deliver an address, stating the affairs of the Diocess since the last meeting of the Convention, the names of the Churches he has visited, the number of persons confirmed, the names of those who have been received as candidates for Orders, and of those who have been ordained, suspended or degraded, the changes by death, removal or otherwise, which have taken place among the Clergy, and in general all matters tending to throw light on the affairs of the Diocess, which address shall be inserted on the journals.*"—There has been one Episcopal visitation made to the parish of St. Paul's, Stono; where was consecrated, according to the rites of our Church, a building, newly erected by the inhabitants of the parish, for the christian worship of God; and in which prayers and a sermon are now statedly read by a lay-reader. As yet it has not been found convenient, to administer confirmation in any parish; but measures are taken to provide that instruction on the subject, which may, in due time, under the favour of Heaven, render the administration of it pleasant and beneficial. Dr. Frederick Dalcho, of this city, has been received as a candidate for Holy Orders; and the Rev. Christian Hanckell, late of Burlington, in New-Jersey, has been admitted to the order of Deacons. This latter gentleman purposes to reside in this state. It will, I am persuaded, give the convention pleasure to learn, that there have been collected, and organized, two new Episcopal Congregations, in the Diocess—one at Columbia, and one at Camden—for the former of which a lay-reader has been provided by the Protestant Episcopal Society for the advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina; of whose efforts to extend the interests of the Church by

sending out Missionaries, the establishment and organization of these congregations are the first fruits.

This brief statement, brethren, is made, that the very useful canon, for providing an accurate view of the state of the Church, from time to time, might not seem at any time, to have been disregarded; and in the hope, humbly entertained, that future years may, through the blessing of God, exhibit a greater progress of prosperity in the affairs of the Diocess.

THEODORE DEHON.

The convention having determined, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Halling, to proceed to the election of delegates to the next general convention, it was resolved, on motion of Peter Smith, Esq. that the president appoint the same. Whereupon the following gentlemen were appointed: The Rev. J. J. Tschudy, Rev. C. E. Gadsden, Rev. Hugh Fraser, Rev. J. B. Campbell, Col. Lewis Morris, Hon. Wm. Lowndes, Charles Rutledge, Esq. Hon. Theo. Gourdin.

The convention adjourned.

The following Address was presented, during the present session of the convention of the Pro. Epis. Church of So. Ca. to Bishop DEHON, to which he was pleased to return the answer annexed:

To the Right Rev. THEODORE DEHON, D. D. *Bishop of the Pro. Epis. Church in So. Ca.*

RIGHT REV. SIR,

WE the Clergy of your Diocess, should not do justice to the tender and affectionate sentiments of our hearts towards you, if we were longer to delay the expressions of these emotions.

When we take a view of the declining state of the Church of So. Ca. for some years past, for the want of a visible head, to whom we might with confidence look up, for advice in our difficulties, consolation under our trials and sorrows, and to animate and quicken our zeal. This address to you, through which we desire to give utterance to our attachment to you, personally, seems naturally, to become an act of humble, and we hope, sincere gratitude to the bountiful giver of all goodness; that HE has been pleased, in his wise and gracious providence, to direct us to select you, from among your Clerical Brethren, to preside over the concerns of our Church. We, therefore, Dearest and Right Rev. Sir, congratulate you, we congratulate ourselves, we congratulate the flocks under our particular charge, and who are near and dear to our souls, that we have one appointed to the episcopal office among us, whom they and we so highly esteem, respect and love. We flatter ourselves, with the pleasing expectation, that whatever you may propose for the extension of true and vital religion, amongst all those with whom we may individually have any concern, you will find us willing and cheerful to obey, and ardent and zealous to execute. We cannot take our leave of you at this time, without offering up our fervent snpplications, to the all gracious and merciful Father of men, to grant you a full portion of his divine Spirit, that you may be enabled faithfully

to discharge the great, the important duties with which you are entrusted; and when you shall be called from your terrestrial labours, you may be admitted among the Saints and Priests of the Most High God, in the celestial world; amid the plaudits of angels, and the whole hosts of heaven, with "well done thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

This is the sincere wish, the ardent prayer of, Right Rev. Sir, your sons, your brothers, your fellow labourers, in the vineyard of our most blessed Lord and master.

Signed W. PERCY, D. D. Rector of the 3d Epis. Church,
T. MILLS, D. D. Rector of St. Andrew's,
S. HALLING, D. D. Rector of Prince George, Winyaw,
ANDREW FOWLER, late Rector of St. Bartholomew's,
JAMES DEWAR SIMONS, Rector of St. Philip's,
C. E. GADSDEN, Assistant Minister of do.
J. J. TSCHUDY, Rector of St. John's, Berkley,
C. SNOWDEN, Rector of St. Stephen's,
J. CAMPBELL, Rector of St. Helena, Beaufort.

Charleston, (S. C.) Feb. 16, 1813.

Bishop Dehon's Answer to the Address from the Clergy of his Diocess.

To the Clergy of the Pro. Epis. Church in the state of So. Ca.

REVEREND BRETHREN,

The address presented to me, by your committee, in your behalf, is received by me with sentiments tender and affectionate, as those by which it was dictated. The feelings it has added to emotions which had already been excited in me, by the new circumstances, under which we have in this week been assembled, I should in vain attempt to describe.

That the declining state of the Church in South-Carolina, for some years past, has been partly owing to its want of all the orders of the ministry, I do not doubt. So far as it respects the restoration to the Church of the episcopal office, I can partake of your joy; and have only to regret, that he who has been called to that office, has not more of those qualities which should prepare men for it, to entitle him to the flattering expressions of your satisfaction and good will. I shall often need, Brethren, your advice and co-operation. I shall always need your prayers.

Among the grounds, on which I congratulate myself, (for some such grounds there are,) it is not the least that I behold around me a body of Clergy, however small, among whom may be found piety and knowledge, regularity, brotherly kindness and peace, of whom I indulge the hope, that it shall be said, as of the earlier disciples of our Master, "see how they love one another."

The declaration of your readiness to co-operate with me in any measure, that may be proposed for "the extension of true and vital religion," among the people of your respective cures, is to me a source of pleasure and hope; and I pray you to be assured, that any information or suggestions concerning the interests of the

Church, which in your individual, or joint capacities, you may at any time be able to give me, will be received by me with thankfulness, and weighed with attenuion.

Nothing of this world should be more encouraging to the minister of the Redeemer, than to know that they have the prayers of each other. For your affectionate supplications in my behalf, I render you my thanks. On the promised constancy of them I place a solicitous dependence. And while, brethren, beloved and reverend, I thank my God for all the good gifts of grace, or of nature, which he hath bestowed, or shall bestow on you, for the benefit of his Church, it is, and often will be my earnest prayer, that you may be happy and successful, each of you, in his ministry here—and that when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, you also may appear with him in glory.

THEODORE DEHON.

Charleston, February 17, 1813.

TWENTY-SIXTH CONVENTION

Of the Pro. Epis. Church in So. Ca. held in Charleston, Feb. 15, 16 *&* 17, 1814.

List of the Clergy and Lay-Deputies who attended the convention.

CLERGY.

The Right Rev. Theodore Dehon, D. D. Bishop of the Pro. Epis. Church in So. Ca.; Rev. John B. Campbell, Rector of the Pro. Epis. Church in Beaufort; Rev. Andrew Fowler, Rector of the Pro. Epis. Church on Edisto Island; Rev. Hugh Fraser, Rector of All-Saints, Waccamaw; Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, Assistant Minister of St. Philip's, Charleston; Rev. Philip Mathews, Rector of St. Helena Church, on St. Helena Island; Rev. Thomas Mills, D. D. Rector of St. Andrew's; Rev. William Percy, D. D. Rector of the third Episcopal Church, Charleston; Rev. James D. Simons, Rector of St. Philip's Church; Rev. Charles B. Snowden, Rector of St. Stephen's, and Minister of the Churches near Black Oak and the Rocks, in St. John's Parish; Rev. John J. Tschudy, Rector of St. John's, Berkley; Rev. Joseph Warren, Rector of St. Thomas and St. Dennis.

LAY-DEPUTIES.

St. Michael's—John Dawson, David Alexander, John Potter.

St. Philip's—Henry H. Bacot, Joseph Johnson, Thomas Roper, Robert Howard.

Third Episcopal Church—William Brisbane, Solomon Legare.

Prince George's, Winyaw—Thomas R. Mitchell, William W. Trapier.

St. Helena's, Beaufort—John Rhodes, Stephen Elliott.

St. John's, Berkley—John Ball.
St. Andrew's—Daniel E. Huger, Ralph Steed Izard.
St. James', Goose-Creek—Peter Smith.
St. Helena Island—Major John Jenkins.
Columbia—Robert Hazlehurst.
St. John's, Colleton—John Ward.

CHARLESTON, Tuesday, 15th February, 1814.

This being the day appointed for the annual meeting of the convention of the Pro. Epis. Church, in the state of So. Ca. several of the Clergy and Lay-Deputies, attended in St. Michael's Church, at half past ten o'clock, when Divine Service was performed by the Rev. William Percy, D. D. and a sermon, suitable to the occasion, preached by the Rev. Thomas Mills, D. D. To these usual solemnities was added by the Bishop, the admission of Dr. Frederick Dalcho to the order of Deacons, and at the same time, according to a standing rule of the convention, the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

After divine service, the Bishop took the chair, *ex officio*.

The following Clergy, members of the convention, appeared, and the following lay deputies presented certificates of their appointment, which were read and severally approved.

St. Michael's—Right Rev. Theodore Dehon, D. D. John Dawson, David Alexander.
St. Philip's—Rev. James D. Simons, Rev. C. E. Gadsden.
Third Episcopal Church—Rev. William Percy, D. D. William Brisbane, Solomon Legare.
Prince George's—Thomas R. Mitchell, William W. Trapier.
St. Helena's, Beaufort—Rev. John B. Campbell, John Rhodes.
St. John's, Berkley—Rev. John J. Tschudy.
St. Andrew's—Rev. Thomas Mills, D. D. Daniel E. Huger, Ralph Steed Izard.
St. Thomas and St. Dennis—Rev. Joseph Warren.
Edisto Island—Rev. Andrew Fowler.
St. James', Goose-Creek—Peter Smith.
All-Saints—Rev. Hugh Fraser.

It appearing that a quorum was assembled, the convention proceeded to the election of a Secretary and Treasurer by ballot; when it was found, that the Rev. Mr. Tschudy was unanimously elected.

The journal of the last convention was read.

The convention adjourned until to-morrow at ten o'clock.

Wednesday, February 16, 1814.

The convention met, and prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Fowler.

The following gentlemen appeared, and presented the certificates of their appointment, as lay deputies; which being read and approved of, they took their seats: Henry H. Bacot, Joseph Johnson, Thomas Roper and Robert Howard, from St. Philip's; John Jenkins, from St. Helena's Church, on St. Helena Island; John Ball, from St. John's, Berkley; and Robert Hazlehurst, from the Pro. Epis. Church in Columbia.

The Rev. Philip Mathews appeared, and took his seat, as Rector of St. Helena's Church on St. Helena Island; also the Rev. Charles B. Snowden, as Rector of St. Stephen's.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

The report of the standing committee, for the last year, was then read, approved of, and confirmed.

It was moved by the Rev. Mr. Simons, that the third rule of this convention be so amended, as to read thus:

"The Minister or Ministers of every Church, who shall accede to these rules, shall always be *ex officio* a member or members of the convention, with a right to vote on all matters requiring the suffrages thereof, so as they do not involve the temporal concerns of the Church; but this right to vote on matters, which do involve the temporal concerns of the Church, shall nevertheless appertain to such clerical member or members, provided a certificate be produced by him or them to the convention, on its annual or other meetings, signed by a majority of the Vestry of a Church, or other authority of a congregation, with which he or they may be connected, expressive of such their wish or assent, and that he, or they, in their behalf, exercise such right in the absence of their lay-delegate or delegates."

It was moved by Daniel E. Huger, that the consideration of this amendment be postponed until to-morrow; which was carried in the affirmative.

The following parochial reports, required by the 45th canon of the general convention, were presented by the clergy, and read:

St. Michael's Church—Right Rev. Theodore Dehon, D. D. Rector; Baptisms, 46; Marriages, 6; Funerals, 22; Communicants, about 240 whites, and 95 blacks.

St. Philip's—Rev. James D. Simons, Rector, and Rev. C. E. Gadsden, Assistant Minister; Baptisms, 19 adults, 124 infants, 143 total; Marriages, 41; Funerals, 80; Communicants, about 240 white, 130 persons of colour.

Third Episcopal Church—Rev. William Percy, D. D. Rector; Baptisms, 4; Funerals 10; Communicants from 40 to 50.

St. Helena's, Beaufort—Rev. John B. Campbell, Rector; Baptisms, 7; Marriages, 3; Funerals, 6; Communicants, 58.

St. Stephen's, and the upper churches in St. John's—Rev. Charles B. Snowden, Rector; Baptisms, 3; Funerals 2; Communicants, about 30.

St. John's Berkley—Rev. John Jacob Tschudy, Rector; Baptisms, 4 adult slaves; Funeral, 1; Communicants, 19 whites, and 4 blacks.

St. Thomas and St. Dennis—Rev. Joseph Warren, Rector; Baptisms, 2 infants; Marriages 2; Funerals, 3; Communicants, one residing the whole year in the parish; besides several who spend the winter in the parish, but communicate in Charleston.

St. Andrew's—Rev. Thomas Mills, D. D. Rector; Baptisms, 5; Funerals, 4; Communicants, as before.

Edisto Island—Rev. Andrew Fowler, Rector; Baptisms, 11 infants, 2 adult blacks; Marriages, 1; Funerals, 2 children; Communicants, 18 whites and 5 blacks.

All-Saints, Waccamaw—Rev. Hugh Fraser, Rector; Marriages, 2; Funerals, 5; Communicants, 15.

St. Helena Island—Rev. Philip Mathews, Rector; Baptisms, 5; Funerals, 7; Communicants, 9.

Hilton Head—Rev. Philip Mathews, rector; Baptisms, 4; Funerals, 3; Communicants, 3.

St. Bartholomew's—Reported by the Rev. Andrew Fowler, Visitor; Baptisms, 3; Funeral, 1; Communicants, 30.

St. Paul's, Stono—Reported by the Rev. Andrew Fowler, Visitor; Baptism, 1.

The convention having determined to proceed to the election of a standing committee, it was resolved, on motion of Peter Smith, that the president appoint the same in conformity with the 6th rule.

Whereupon the following gentlemen were declared the standing committee: The Rev. Wm. Percy, D. D. Rev. Tho. Mills, D. D. Rev. James D. Simons, Rev. C. E. Gadsden, Rev. J. J. Tschudy, Rev. C. B. Snowden, Dr. Joseph Johnson, J. Dawson, D. Alexander, John Ball, P. Smith, D. E. Huger.

[The treasurer made a report, by which it appeared, that he had received $248; viz: from St. Michael's, $100; St. John's, Berkley, $30 37½; St. Helena, Beaufort, $30, St. Paul's, Stono, $30; Edisto Island, 20; St. Helena Island, 20; Prince George, Winyaw, $12 62½; and St. Andrew's, $5. The accounts against the Convention, for printing, &c. amounted to $282 50.]

Resolved, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Tschudy, that the president appoint a committee of two, to examine the report and documents, and report thereon to-morrow.

David Alexander and Peter Smith were accordingly appointed the committee.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Gadsden, *Resolved*, unanimously, that this convention do sincerely sympathize with their brethren of the Parish of Prince George, Winyaw, in the dispensation of Providence, which has deprived them, by death, of the services of their rector, the Rev. Dr. Halling; and that this convention, in testimony of their sense of the loss, which the Church in general has sustained, by the removal of a faithful minister, and a punctual and zealous member of this body, will wear crape during their present session.

The Rev. Mr. Fowler proposed the following resolution; which, after some little debate, was negatived:

Resolved, that the money raised at the administration of the Lord's Supper, in this Church, at the meeting of the Convention, be appropriated to the use of the convention; first defraying the expenses arising from the purchase of the elements.

Resolved, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Fowler, that it is proper for the convention to go into an election of delegates to the general convention.

It was then moved by the Rev. Mr. Tschudy, and unanimously carried, that the president appoint the same.

Whereupon the following gentlemen were appointed: The Rev. J. J. Tschudy, Rev. C. E. Gadsden, Rev. Hugh Fraser, Rev. Andrew Fowler, Lewis Morris, Wm. Lowndes, Charles Rutledge, Theodore Gourdin.

Resolved, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Simons, that the president appoint two clerical gentlemen to preach the sermon at the opening of the next convention, one to officiate in case of the other's failure.

In pursuance of which resolution, the president appointed the Rev. Mr. Gadsden to preach the sermon, and the Rev. Mr. Fraser, in the case of his failure.

The convention adjourned until to-morrow at ten o'clock.

Thursday, February 17, 1814.

The convention met and prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Fraser.

The following gentlemen appeared, and presented the certificates of their appointment, as lay deputies; which being read and approved of, they took their seats;—Stephen Elliott, from St. Helena's, Beaufort; John Ward, from St. John's, Colleton; and John Potter, from St. Michael's.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

David Alexander, from the committee appointed to examine the treasurer's report and documents, and to report thereon, reported, "that they had examined the several accounts, exhibited to them for printing, advertising, &c. and found them correct, amounting together to the sum of $282 50; for the payment of which it appeared by the treasurer's report, that he had received from the contributions, made by different churches, the sum of $248—leaving a balance due from the convention of $34 50 short of what was requisite to discharge the present demands against the convention."

This report of the committee was approved of and confirmed.

Resolved, on motion of Peter Smith, that the treasurer be authorized to pay the several accounts, referred to in the report of the committee, as far as his funds will permit.

The convention, on motion of Peter Smith, proceeded to the order of the day on the amendment to the third rule, proposed yesterday by the Rev. Mr. Simons.

It was moved by the Rev. Mr. Snowden, and carried without a dissenting voice, to amend the amendment by striking out the word "Church" in the two places, where it occurs, and to substitute "Churches."

The question was then taken on the resolution, proposed by the Rev. Mr. Simons, and thus amended was carried, all the Churches voting in the affirmative, with the exception of the Third Episcopal Church, which was opposed to it.

Resolved, unanimously, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Gadsden, that the representatives of this Church, in the next general convention, be requested to use their endeavours, that there be established in

some central situation, under the auspices of the church in general, a theological seminary, in which young men of genius and piety may be trained for the sacred office.

Resolved, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Snowden, that the Journal and Rules of the convention be printed.

The Rev. Mr. Fraser moved, that the following resolution be adopted by the convention:

Resolved, that the money hereafter raised at the administration of the Lord's Supper, at the meetings of this convention, after defraying the expenses arising from the purchase of the elements, belong to the convention, and be placed in the hands of the treasurer; and that the treasurer pay it over, on behalf of this convention, to the treasurer of the Pro. Epis. Soc. for the advancement of Christianity in So. Ca. in order to promote the benevolent objects of that society.

It was then moved by Daniel E. Huger, and carried, that the foregoing resolution be divided, and the sense of the convention taken upon each clause separately.

Whereupon the question was taken upon the former clause, and decided in the affirmative.

The question was then taken upon the latter clause, and decided in the negative.

The following resolution was then offered by the Rev. Mr. Simons:

Resolved, that the money, contemplated in the foregoing resolution, be paid over by the treasurer to the Bishop, to be by him applied, as he shall see good.

Mr. Brisbane moved to postpone the further consideration of this resolution indefinitely; which motion was carried.

Agreeably to the 45th canon of the general convention, "providing for an accurate view of the state of the church, from time to time," the Right Rev. Bishop delivered the following address:

Brethren, the Clergy and Laity of the Convention,

In the view which I am required, by an useful canon of the church, to give you, "of the affairs of the Diocess," since the last meeting of the convention, it will fall within the scope of the regulation to congratulate you on the degree of concord and christian fellowship, with which our churches are blessed. It is hardly possible, that in any society, composed of many parts, and all the parts of frail and fallible beings, there should exist such an entire unity of opinion and community of feelings, as to produce always a perfectly harmonious co-operation towards the accomplishment of the same ends. As near an approach to this happy state, as is compatible with the condition and infirmities of man, is, through the good blessing of GOD, at present enjoyed by us in this Diocess. In a degree, which it is gratifying to me to remark, as it has doubtless been pleasing to you to notice, the Clergy of the Diocess are kindly affectioned, one to another, with brotherly love; and their respective parishes being knit together, and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, are, it is humbly hoped, mak-

ing some increase of the body to the edifying of itself in love. Thus far there is unity, and all will ever be concerned for the interests and feelings of all, if we be actuated by the genuine spirit of the religion of Jesus Christ.

During the year which has elapsed, since the churches last met together in this place, as many of the episcopal visitations, required by the canon, have been made, as could be rendered consistent with the circumstances of him, of whom they are required, and especially with his peculiar obligations to the parish with which he is more particularly connected. In conformity with the canon under which he now addresses you, it is made his duty to state, that such visitations have been made twice to the Parish of Prince George's, Winyaw, twice to the Church on Edisto Island, once to Prince William's Parish, once to Claremont, once to St. John's, Berkley, once to St. Helena's Church, Beaufort, once to St. Paul's, Stono, once to St. Matthews, once to the Church in Camden, twice to the Church in Columbia, once to St. Stephen's Parish, including Black Oak Church, and the Church at the Rocks. In all these Parishes, but two, and also in the three Episcopal Churches in this city, confirmation has been administered according to the order prescribed, and received with much solemnity; good preparation, and apparent satisfaction. The number of those who have been confirmed in the last year, is 516. In the parishes of St. Paul's and St. Matthew's, which have been without rectors for many years, no subjects for this rite were prepared; and the administration of it was deferred to a further opportunity.

Mr. Maurice Harvey Lance, and Mr. Albert A. Muller, both of this city, have been received as Candidates for Holy Orders, and the former gentleman is engaged as a lay-reader for the Episcopal Congregation in Columbia, under the patronage of the Pro. Epis. Soc. for the advancement of Christianity in this State. Dr. Frederick Dalcho, who was mentioned last year, as having been received as a Candidate for Holy Orders, has, at the opening of the present convention, been admitted to the order of Deacons. I have also had notice from the vestry and wardens of the Church on the Island of St. Helena, that the Rev. Philip Mathews has been elected to the rectorship of their Church, of which the secretary of the convention has been duly informed.

In adverting to the Clergy of the Diocess, we are painfully reminded of the removal of one of them by death, whom we were accustomed to see among us, on these annual occasions, filled with love for his brethren, and zeal for the church. You need not be told that I allude to the reverend and much lamented Dr. Halling. It pleased the Almighty, on the eve of the last celebration of the nativity of our blessed Lord, to permit his course on earth to be finished in the fifty-ninth year of his age. Though we trust he is gone to the reward of his labours, we cannot refrain, under the recollection of the qualities, by which he was so much endeared to us, from sorrowing that we shall see his face no more. While we all sympathize with that part of the flock of Christ, which is hereby bereaved of its Pastor, my brethren of the Clergy will

allow me to apply to them the admonition to increased vigilance and fidelity, which this event has brought to my own mind. It solemnly proclaims how rapidly upon us the night approaches, in which no man can work.

Among the means, which would be most likely, under the blessing of GOD, to increase the prosperity of the Diocess, are the services of Missionaries. There are in the state many vacant parishes, and other places in which the Episcopal population seems too small for the support of the ministrations of the Church, but where are found many families, who, when they hear of the faith and worship of their fathers, express a desire to have them re-established, and would, with happiness, and in all probability with improvement, welcome the occasional services of clergymen, who were not stationary among them. It comes within the design of this address to state, that the sending of Missionaries is one object of "the Protestant Episcopal Society for the advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina;" and that the importance of this object, may well claim, for that institution, the exertions of all the friends of the Church, that its funds may be more proportioned than they at present are, to the extent of its purposes, and the scope afforded by the exigencies of the Diocess, for its pious designs. Among the fruits which might be expected from the labors of judicious Missionaries, would probably be the repairing of the once goodly Churches, which are now lying in ruins; an act, which, though the buildings should not be immediately used, would, in a christian land, be a becoming expression of reverence for the Deity, and regard for whatever has relation to his name. It is with pleasure I mention, that the congregation of Episcopalians in Columbia, collected and organized, under the labors of a Missionary of the Pro. Epis. Society, have, with the aid of donations for the work, from many zealous and benevolent individuals, of our community, finished arrangements for the erection, in that place, of a building for the purposes of christian worship, according to the usages of our Church. This success of exertions, in a place where three years ago, the Liturgy of our Church was scarcely known, affords encouragement to similar efforts in other places, notwithstanding the unpropitious circumstances, which confessedly exist; and which, in a great degree, have arisen from the desolate state of many of the Churches in the Diocess, and the length of time which has elapsed, and consequent habits of inattention to the services of the sanctuary, which have ensued since the *scattering*, by untoward events, of many of the Redeemer's fold, who once were gathered and guided by Pastors, residing among them, and fed statedly "*beside the shepherds tents.*"

You will also learn, with satisfaction, that there is a prospect of beholding the venerable Church, on John's Island, speedily rebuilt by means of a legacy, recently bequeathed for that purpose, by the late Francis Simmons, Esq. of this city.

The purposes, Brethren, for which this Convention is instituted, being solely of a religious character, and directed chiefly to the enlarging, strengthening, and adorning of the *spiritual* building in

this part of the Saviour's kingdom, whatever will facilitate, in your several parishes, the repairing of the houses of worship, which are laid waste, and the obtaining and settling in the Diocess of a greater number of Clergymen of piety, talents, and zeal, would be favourable to the furtherance of the objects for which we here assemble. In adverting to the situation of many of our parishes, the words of the Apostle present themselves forcibly to the mind—*how shall they call on him in whom they have not believed; and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard; and how shall they hear without a preacher.* In the character of the Deity we worship, in the privilege of being called to a knowledge of the Gospel of the Redeemer, in the felicity of participating of the order and liturgy of the Episcopal Church, in the hope set before us by our Master, and in the consciousness of our past deficiencies, what inducements may be found to do what we can in future *for the house of our God, and for the offices thereof!* If, while we are looking to "the affairs of the Diocess," we call to mind the ties which bind us together, and whose cause it is, that we have in hand, we shall, each one of us, adopt the language of the man after God's heart—*for my brethren and companions' sake I will wish thee prosperity; yea, because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do thee good.*

THEODORE DEHON.

Charleston, Feb. 17, 1814.

Resolved, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Gadsden, that this convention contemplate with great pleasure, the progress of "the Protestant Episcopal Society for the advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina;" and that they do recommend that excellent institution to the favour and patronage of all the members and friends of our Church. The convention adjourned.

TWENTY-SEVENTH CONVENTION

Of the Pro. Epis. Church in So. Ca. held in Charleston, 21st and 22d Feb. 1815.

List of the Clergy and Lay-Deputies, who attended the Convention.

CLERGY.

The Right Rev. Theodore Dehon, D. D. Bishop of the Pro. Epis. Church in So. Ca., Rev. John B. Campbell, Rector of St. Helena's, Beaufort; Rev. Frederick Dalcho, officiating in St. Paul's, Stono; Rev. Andrew Fowler, Rector of the Pro. Epis. Church on Edisto Island; Rev. Hugh Fraser, Rector of All-Saints, Waccamaw; Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, Rector of St. Philip's; Rev. Maurice Harvey Lance, Deacon; Rev. Thomas Mills, D. D. Rector of St. Andrew's; Rev. William Percy, D. D. Rector of the Third Episcopal Church, Charleston; Rev. John Jacob Tschudy, Rector of St. John's, Berkley.

LAY-DEPUTIES.

St. Michael's—John Dawson, David Alexander, Jacob Read.

St. Philip's—Henry H. Bacot, Joseph Johnson, Tho. Roper.

Third Episcopal Church, Charleston—Solomon Legare, Judge Grimke.

Prince George's, Winyaw—William W. Trapier, Francis Kinloch.

St. Bartholomew's—James Perry, James Lowndes.

St James', Goose-Creek—Peter Smith.

Trinity Church, Columbia—Charles Kershaw, Robert Hazlehurst, Wm. Lance.

CHARLESTON, Tuesday, February 21, 1815.

This being the day appointed for the annual meeting of the convention of the Pro. Epis. Church, in So. Ca. several of the Clergy and Lay Delegates attended in St. Michael's Church, at half past 10 o'clock; when divine service was performed by the Rev. Thomas Mills, D. D. and a sermon, suitable to the occasion, preached by the Rev. Hugh Fraser. To these usual solemnities was added by the Bishop, the admission of Messrs. Maurice Harvey Lance and Thomas D. Frost, to the order of Deacons, and at the same time, according to a standing rule of the convention, the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

After divine service, the Bishop took the chair.

The following Clergy, members of the convention, appeared, and the following Lay Delegates presented certificates of their appointment, which were read and severally approved.

St. Michael's—Right Rev. Theodore Dehon, D. D. John Dawson, David Alexander.

St. Philip's—Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, Henry H. Bacot, Joseph Johnson.

Third Episcopal Church—Solomon Legare.

Prince George's, Winyaw—William W. Trapier, Francis Kinloch.

St. Helena's, Beaufort—Rev. John B. Campbell.

St. John's, Berkley—Rev. John J. Tschudy.

St. Paul's, Stono—Rev. Frederick Dalcho.

Edisto Island—Rev. Andrew Fowler.

All Saints—Rev. Hugh Fraser.

St. Andrew's—Rev. Tho. Mills, D. D.

St James', Goose-Creek—Peter Smith.

Trinity Church, Columbia—Rev. Maurice H. Lance, Charles Kershaw, Robert Hazlehurst.

It appearing that a quorum was assembled, the convention proceeded to the election of a secretary and treasurer by ballot; when it was found, that the Rev. Mr. Tschudy was unanimously elected.

The Right Rev. Bishop informed the convention, that he had received a letter from St. Helena's Church on St. Helena Island, transmitting the parochial report, and stating that, owing to the alarming state of that part of the country, neither the rector nor the lay delegates would be able to attend the convention.

The convention adjourned until to-morrow at ten o'clock.

Wednesday, February 22, 1815.

The convention met and prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Fowler.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

The following gentlemen appeared, and presented the certificates of their appointment; which being read and approved of, they took their seats: Jacob Read, from St. Michael's; Thomas Roper, from St. Philip's; Judge Grimke, from the third Episcopal Church; James Perry and James Lowndes, from St. Bartholomew's; and William Lance, from Trinity Church, Columbia.

The journal of the last convention was read.

Resolved, unanimously, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Tschudy, that this convention do sincerely sympathize with their brethren, the present rector of St. Philip's Church, and the members of his congregation, in the dispensation of Divine Providence, which has deprived them, by death, of the services of their late rector, the Rev. Mr. Simons; and that this convention, in testimony of their sense of the loss, which the Church in general has sustained by the removal of a faithful minister, and one so much beloved, whose zeal to promote the honour of his master's cause was evident in this convention, will wear crape until Sunday next.

[The treasurer made a report, recapitulating the receipts reported to the last convention, and stating, that he had since, paid sundry accounts amounting to $247 62, leaving a balance in his hands of 37 cents. After closing his report, he states the receipt of $100 from St. Philip's.]

Resolved, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Tschudy, that the president appoint a committee of two to examine the report and vouchers, and report thereon.

Mr. Hazlehurst and the Rev. Mr. Lance were accordingly appointed the committee.

It was moved by the Rev. Mr. Fowler, "that it be the wish of this convention, that, immediately upon the ratification of the treaty of peace between the King of Great Britain and this country, by the President of the United States, the Bishop should appoint a day of prayer and thanksgiving to Almighty God, to be observed by the Pro. Epis. Church in this state, as expressive of our grateful sense of the wonderful mercy and goodness of a kind Providence, in putting a stop to the further ravages of war, and the effusion of human blood."

This resolution was, on the motion of Mr. Trapier, amended, so as to read as follows:

Resolved, that it be the wish of this convention, that, unless the President of the United States, within a reasonable time after his ratification of the treaty of peace, between the United States of America and the King of Great Britain, should appoint a day of prayer and thanksgiving to Almighty God, for his wonderful mercy and goodness, in putting a stop to the further ravages of war, and the effusion of human blood, the Bishop then appoint one, to be observed by the Pro. Epis. Church in this state, as expressive of her grateful sense of the aforesaid mercies.

The resolution, thus amended, was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Hazlehurst, from the committee appointed to examine the secretary and treasurer's report, reported, "that they had examined the accounts, and found them to be correct."

This report of the committee was approved of and confirmed.

The report of the standing committee for the last year was then read, approved of, and confirmed.

Resolved, unanimously, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Tschudy, that the treasurer be authorized to pay, whatever is due from the convention.

The convention having determined to proceed to the election of a standing committee, it was resolved, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Tschudy, that the president appoint the same, in conformity with the sixth rule.

Whereupon the following gentlemen were declared the standing committee:

The Rev. William Percy, D. D. Rev. Thomas Mills, D. D. Rev. Andrew Fowler, Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, Rev. John J. Tschudy, Rev. Frederick Dalcho, John Dawson, David Alexander, Joseph Johnson, Judge Grimke, James Lowndes, Peter Smith.

The following parochial reports, required by the 45th canon of the general convention, were presented by the clergy and read.

St. Michael's—Right Rev. Theodore Dehon, D. D. rector; Baptisms 108; Marriages 6; Burials 24; Communicants, about 290 whites, and 110 blacks.

St. Philip's—Rev. Christopher Edwards Gadsden, rector; 31 adults, 111 infants, Baptisms 142; Marriages 33; Burials 63; Communicants about 260 whites, and 150 blacks.

Third Episcopal Church—Rev. William Percy, D. D. rector; Baptisms 8, being 6 whites, and 2 children of colour; Funerals 3; Communicants, about 45 or 50.

St. Helena's Church, Beaufort—Rev. John B. Campbell, rector; Baptisms 5; Marriages 2; Funerals 21; Communicants 53.

St. John's, Berkley—Rev. John Jacob Tschudy, rector; Baptisms 2 infants; also an infant at Stateburg; Funerals 3; Communicants, 30 whites and 10 blacks.

Edisto Island—Rev. Andrew Fowler, rector; Baptisms, 6 infants, and 1 black adult; Funerals, 4 children, and 1 aged person; Communicants, 20 whites, and 5 blacks.

St. Paul's, Stono—Rev. Frederick Dalcho, Deacon; Baptisms 3; Funeral 1; Communicants 8.

All Saints, Waccamaw—Rev. Hugh Fraser, rector; Funerals 4; Communicants 15.

St. Andrew's—Rev. Thomas Mills, D. D. rector; Baptisms 8; Marriages 5; Funerals 4.

St. Helena Island—Rev. Philip Mathews, rector; Baptism 1; Marriages 4; Burials 9; three of them being strangers; Communicants 12.

Christ Church—Rev. C. E. Gadsden, visitor; Communicants 9.

St. James', Santee, at the Church near Echaw—Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, visitor; Baptism 1; Communicants 4 or 5.

St. Bartholomew's—Rev. Andrew Fowler, visitor; Baptisms 8; Communicants 19.

Wadmalaw—Rev. Andrew Fowler, visitor; Baptisms 2; Marriages 2.

St. George's, Dorchester—Rev. Frederick Dalcho, visitor; Baptisms 2; Funeral 1.

Resolved, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Tschudy, that the president appoint two clerical gentlemen to preach the sermon at the opening of the next convention, one to officiate in case of the other's failure.

In pursuance of which resolution, the president appointed the Rev. Mr. Gadsden to preach the sermon, and the Rev. Mr. Campbell in the case of his failure.

The Rev. Mr. Gadsden, on behalf of the delegates from this Diocess, who attended the last general convention, reported, that, upon the subject of the Theological Seminary entrusted to their care, they had acted in conformity to their instructions; but that the general convention had postponed the consideration thereof to the next meeting, referring it in the mean time to the Bishops of the different diocesses, and in those states, where there are no Bishops, to the standing committees therein, to inquire, and consider for themselves, concerning the expediency of establishing a Theological Seminary, to be conducted under the general authority of the Church. and to report to the next general convention.

Resolved, unanimously, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Gadsden, that this convention still entertain the opinion, that the welfare of the Church imperiously demands the institution of a Theological Seminary under the auspices of the general convention, and that the delegates from this diocess be instructed to persevere in their endeavours to obtain so necessary an object.

The convention having determined to proceed to the election of delegates to the next general convention, it was resolved, on motion of Mr. Smith, that the president appoint the same.

Whereupon the following gentlemen were appointed: The Rev. J. J. Tschudy, Rev. C. E. Gadsden, Rev. Hugh Fraser, Rev. Andrew Fowler, Henry Middleton, Benjamin Huger, William Lowndes, Lewis Morris.

It was moved by the Rev. Dr. Dalcho, that the money collected at the celebration of the Holy Communion at the opening of every convention, be paid over to the treasurer of the Pro. Epis. Soc. for the advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina, in order to promote the objects of that excellent institution.

This motion was, however, on the motion of Mr. Dawson, so amended, as to read thus: *Resolved*, that the money collected at the celebration of the holy communion at the opening of every convention, be disposed of in conformity with the first canon, passed at the last general convention.

The resolution, thus amended, was adopted.

Agreeably to the 45th canon of the general convention "providing for an accurate view of the state of the Church from time to time," the Right Rev. Bishop delivered the following address:

Brethren, the Clergy and Laity of the Convention,

In reviewing the affairs of the diocess, in the year that has elapsed, since we were last assembled in convention, it is a prominent and pleasant fact, that the Church of this Diocess has, after an interval of many years, been again represented in the *General Convention* of the Pro. Epis. Churches in the U. S. As a member of this body, this Diocess has a joint interest with the other Diocesses in the common prosperity of the Church. And you will learn with pleasure, that the result of this interview of the different parts of the whole body, was a grateful persuasion, that the Churches in this country were rising in their strength, and putting on their beautiful garments; and that there was ground to hope that the Lord God would dwell among them.

The time spent in attending the general convention, and the diminution of the number of our clergy in the city, have rendered it difficult for him, who addresses you, to make as many episcopal visitations, as his own inclination would have dictated, and the condition of the Diocess seemed to require. In the last year he has made one visit to St. John's, Berkley; one to St. Bartholomew's; two to Christ Church; two to Columbia; three to Camden; one to Clarendon; one to St. Matthew's; and one to St. James', Santee. In most of these parishes, and also in St. Philip's Church and in St. Michael's Church in this city, the rite of confirmation has been administered, according to the order of the Church. In conformity with a canonical requirement it is stated to you, that the number confirmed in the last year was about one hundred and eighty.

In the course of these visitations, it has been a source of much pleasure to observe, that the *doctrines* of the Church are, by those who take any lively interest in her welfare, very generally embraced in their purity. The form of sound words is held fast, it is believed, by the serious members of our community; and there is perhaps as good a degree of *unity of faith* among them, as exists in any part of the universal Church, of the same extent and means of information.

There is also a growing attachment to her *order*. It is gratifying to remark, with relation to this particular, that the ancient practice of administering baptism in public, has, in many parishes, been happily restored. Whether we consider the import of this sacrament, or the structure of the office for the administration of it, or the beneficial effects upon our congregations of *publicly* administering it, this restoration of the primitive usage of our Church is cause for much gratulation to those who love her prosperity. Attention too is paid by the clergy, in a degree which is highly commendable, to the important duty of instructing children in the catechism, a duty in which parents and guardians may advantageously co-operate with their ministers, by preparing their children for this exercise and sending them to it. And not till the day of the consummation, can it be manifest, how much both they and their offspring may have cause to rejoice in the faithful discharge, through their co-operation, of this part of the ministerial functions.

It were to be wished that as much could be said of the *zeal* of our community, as may be said of the soundness of its faith, and its attachment to the order of the Church. But the waste places in many parts remain entirely desolate; and there is not everywhere manifested a desire to strengthen the things which are ready to die —Some efficient zeal, however, exists. It is mentioned with peculiar gratification, that the infant Society in Columbia, under many difficulties and discouragements, have erected a convenient and respectable building, which has been duly consecrated to the purposes of Christian worship, by the name of Trinity Church. From the situation of this Church, near the college of the state, and at the seat of government, the pleasing hope arises that in this temple will be reared many future ministers of the Church; and that hence there will be diffused, into regions which it has not yet reached, a knowledge of her faith and worship; and also in time to come, a stated enjoyment of them.

In this city, the greater part of a century had elapsed since any Church had been erected by the Episcopal community. An attempt has recently been made by a zealous part of this community, to build here another temple to the honour of Jehovah—and when we think of the number of members of our denomination, who have no accommodations for attending public worship, and behold other temples, under the zeal of their builders, rising up in rapid succession around us, it is mournful to witness the silence which pervades the unfinished walls of the Third Episcopal Church. It stands, and in its silence would seem to say, is it nothing unto you, all ye that pass by? As a common concern, it is an object of the charity of all Episcopalians—and in this assembly it need not be asked, what charity is more noble or more useful, that that which builds Churches for the worship of the Most High God, our Redeemer?

Since the last meeting of the convention, Mr. Thomas Frost was regularly received as a candidate for holy orders. This gentleman, a native of this city, and a son of one of its former clergymen, and Mr. Maurice Harvey Lance, heretofore announced as a candidate for holy orders, have at the opening of this convention, been admitted to the order of Deacons. The Rev. Christian Hanckel has, in the course of the year, been admitted to the order of Priest. From these seasonable additions to her ministry, the Church it is expected will, under the blessing of heaven, derive many advantages. But here our joy is chilled. We needed not the contemplation of these accessions, to remind us of the preceding diminution of the number of the clergy. One of our first emotions, on assembling in this place, sprang from a recollection, that our brother, the late beloved Rector of St. Philip's Church, would be with us no more. It pleased God, after having granted him, in answer we hope to the prayers of the Church, nearly two years of health and increased usefulness in his station, to take him early in the summer, by an unexpected death, to the reward of his labours—to a rest from all his cares—Cut off in the midst of life, his exit admonishes us, my brethren of the clergy, to do, while it is called to

day, whatever good deeds we can for the house of our God, and for the offices thereof. Short, at the longest, is the time we have for contributing our exertions for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom. But the death of our brother affectingly reminds us of the *uncertainty* of our time. The remembrance we have of his popular talents, uncommon piety, and amiable disposition, teaches us, that even the goodly qualities, which make us most earnestly desire the lives of our friends, cannot shield them from the arrows of death. Be ye then also ready.

To his place, as Rector of St. Philip's Church, has succeeded the Rev. Christopher Edwards Gadsden; of whose election to the place, notice has been received by me from the Vestry of that Church, and will be transmitted to the secretary of the convention.

So far, brethren of the clergy and laity, as my observation has extended, it appears that one principal cause of the decayed state of many parishes in this Diocess, is the want of funds. In one parish, that of St. John's, Berkley, a laudable attempt has been made to provide a substitute for the funds (by means of which the ministrations of the temple were formerly supported,) by a subscription of a per centage upon the produce of the current year. The attempt it is probable will succeed. Were some such plan adopted in the vacant parishes, for affording that decent and certain maintenance for the ministers of the gospel, to which the gospel itself entitles them, it might, under the blessing of the Almighty, facilitate the restoration, to these parishes, of the ordinances and worship of our holy religion.

Till funds for the purpose are provided, it would seem the busieess must rest upon missionary labours, and the gratuitous services of the clergy of the Diocess. The latter, in the last year, have been cheerfully and frequently rendered, agreeably to an arrangement made by the clergy among themselves, that each one would visit one or more of the destitute parishes, as often as would be consistent with his obligations to the parish with which he was particularly connected. Of the labours of missionaries, the Church in this Diocess has had little opportunity to know the value. Those, which have been enjoyed by any of our Churches, have been provided by the Pro. Epis. Soc. for the Advancement of Christianity in So. Ca. whose funds are in an infant state, and by no means adequate to the good purposes it might accomplish. As promising the best human means of strengthening and extending the Church, in this state, it is very desirable that this society should have the aid of all the friends of our institutions, for increasing its funds and the number of its members. Its last annual report, shortly to be published, will, it is hoped, be circulated by the agency of the laity, as well as clergy, to diffuse a knowledge of the society in their several Parishes.

In concluding this statement of the affairs of the Diocess for the last year, it cannot but occur to the observation of every one, that the harvest truly is great, but in common with all the members of the community, it is felt with regret by him who addresses you, that the labourers are few. There is an increased number of young

gentlemen who are preparing themselves for the ministry, by those academical studies, to which our Church wisely requires them in the first instance, to give their attention. But, though the prospect of these future accessions to the ministry produces some animating expectations, piety may be well called upon to offer in every parish her prayers to the *Lord of the harvest*, that *he* would send forth labourers into his harvest.

THEODORE DEHON.

Charleston, Feb. 22, 1815.

Resolved, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Campbell, that for the better diffusing a general knowledge of the state of the Church amongst her members, it be expedient, that the annual address of the Bishop to this convention be read in the different Churches, as soon as it can conveniently be obtained.

The following resolution was moved by Mr. Kershaw:—*Resolved*, That the next annual convention of the Pro. Epis. Church of So. Ca. be held in Trinity Church, Columbia.

Whereupon it was moved by Gen. Read, that the aforesaid resolution be postponed; which motion was lost.

It was then moved by Judge Grimke, and adopted, that the resolution be amended by striking out the word "annual," and adding these words, *on the first Thursday of December next.*

The resolution, thus amended, was carried.

The following resolution was moved by the Rev. Mr. Campbell: *Resolved*, that it be a standing rule of this convention, that the services thereof shall be closed by the Bishop with any of the collects, which he may select, and his blessing.

It was then resolved, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Dalcho, that the word *prayers* be inserted instead of "any of the collects, which he may select;" and the resolution, thus amended, was unanimously carried.

Resolved, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Gadsden, that the secretary write again to those Churches, which have taken no notice of the last circular, which was addressed to them respecting the pecuniary concerns of the convention.

After prayers and the Episcopal benediction, the convention adjourned till the first Thursday of December next, to meet in Trinity Church, Columbia.

TWENTY-EIGHTH CONVENTION

Of the Pro. Epis. Church in So. Ca. held in Columbia, on the 7th & 8th Feb. 1815.

List of the Clergy and Lay-Delegates who attended the convention.

CLERGY.

The Right Rev. Theodore Dehon, D. D. Bishop of the Pro. Epis. Church in So. Ca. Rev. John B. Campbell, Rector of St. Helena's

Beaufort; Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D. rector of St. Philip's; Rev. Christian Hanckell, rector of Trinity Church, Columbia; Rev. Maurice Harvey Lance, Deacon; Rev. John Jacob Tschudy, rector of St. John's, Berkley.

LAY-DELEGATES.

St. Philip's—Thomas Corbett.

Prince George's, Winyaw—Joseph Blyth, Thomas R. Mitchell, F. A. Deliesseline.

St. Helena's, Beaufort—James Stuart.

St. Thomas and St. Dennis—Thomas Ashby, Andrew Hasell.

Edisto Island—Benjamin Bailey.

Trinity Church, Columbia—Hon. Theodore Gaillard, John Spencer Man, Edward Fisher, Mr. Guignard.

Claremont—Hon. Thomas Waties, Benjamin G. Joor.

Camden—James S. Deas.

COLUMBIA, Thursday, Dec. 7, 1815.

This being the day appointed for the annual meeting of the convention of the Pro. Epis. Church, in the state of So. Ca. several of the Clergy and Lay-Delegates, attended in Trinity Church, at 11 o'clock, when Divine Service was performed by the Rev. Christian Hanckel, and a sermon, suitable to the occasion, preached by the Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D. To these usual solemnities was added the celebration of the Lord's Supper, according to a standing rule of the convention.

After divine service, the Bishop took the chair.

The following Clergy, members of the convention, appeared, and the following lay-delegates presented certificates of their appointment, which were read and severally approved.

St. Michael's—Right Rev. Theodore Dehon, D. D.

St. Philip's—Rev. C. E. Gadsden, D. D. Thomas Corbett.

Prince George's—Rev. Maurice H. Lance, Joseph Blyth, Tho. R. Mitchell, F. A. Deliesseline.

St Helena, Beaufort—Rev. John B. Campbell.

St. John's, Berkley—Rev. John Jacob Tschudy.

Edisto Island—Benjamin Bailey.

Claremont—Thomas Waties, Benjamin G. Joor.

Trinity Church—Rev. Christian Hanckell, Theodore Gaillard, John Spencer Man, Edward Fisher.

It appearing that a quorum was assembled, the convention proceeded to the election of a Secretary and Treasurer by ballot; when it was found, that the Rev. Mr. Tschudy was unanimously elected.

The journal of the last convention was read.

The convention adjourned until to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

Friday, Dec. 8, 1815.

The convention met, and prayers were read by the Rev. Dr. Gadsden.

The following gentlemen appeared, and presented the certificates of their appointment; which being read and approved of, they took their seats: James Stuart, from St. Helena's, Beaufort; Tho. Ashby and Andrew Hasell, from St. Thomas and St. Dennis; Mr. Guignard, from Trinity Church, and James S. Deas, from the Pro. Epis. Church in Camden.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

The report of the standing committee, for the present year, was then read, approved of, and confirmed.

[The treasurer made a report of his receipts; and that he had discharged all the claims against the convention, leaving a balance in his hands of $5 75.]

Resolved, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Tschudy, that the president appoint a committee, to examine the report, and report thereon.

Mr. T. R. Mitchell and the Rev. Mr. Lance were accordingly appointed the committee.

Resolved, on motion of Judge Gaillard, that this convention behold with great pleasure the growing prosperity of the Pro. Epis. Soc. for the advancement of Christianity in So. Ca. and, to aid that Society to extend the Church in the upper parts of the state, particularly in Pendleton District, they recommend, that the Clergy and Vestries, in their several parishes, do open subscriptions for pecuniary assistance, and endeavour to obtain for that excellent institution the patronage of all the members of our church.

Resolved, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Tschudy, that the president appoint two clerical gentlemen to preach the sermon at the opening of the next convention, one to officiate in case of the other's failure.

In pursuance of which resolution, the president appointed the Rev. Mr. Campbell to preach the sermon, and the Rev. Mr. Snowden in the case of his failure.

Resolved, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, that this convention, in testimony of their respect for the memory of the late Rev. Mr. Warren, rector of the parish of St. Thomas and St. Dennis, and under a sense of the loss this body and the church have sustained by his death, will wear crape during the present session.

Mr. T. R. Mitchell, as chairman of the committee, appointed to examine the secretary and treasurer's report, reported, "that, having examined the same, they found the items supported by vouchers; and that, in the opinion of the committee, his report is correct, and should be confirmed by the convention."

This report of the committee was approved of and confirmed.

Resolved, unanimously, on motion of Judge Gaillard, that the 6th rule be amended by striking out the words, "from among the members of the convention."

The convention having determined to proceed to the election of a standing committee, it was resolved, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Tschudy, that the president appoint the same in conformity with the 6th rule, thus amended.

Whereupon the following gentlemen were declared the standing committee: The Rev. Wm. Percy, D. D. Rev. Tho. Mills, D. D. Rev. A. Fowler, Rev. C. E. Gadsden, D. D. Rev. F. Dalcho, M. D. Rev. Thomas Frost, John Dawson, David Alexander, Joseph Johnson, Thomas Corbett, Judge Grimke, Peter Smith.

The following parochial reports, required by the 45th canon of the general convention, were presented by the clergy, and read:

St. Michael's Church—Right Rev. Theodore Dehon, D. D. Rector; Baptisms, 60; Marriages, 6; Burials, 23; Communicants, about 320 whites, and 120 blacks.

St. Philip's—Rev. C. E. Gadsden, Rector; Baptisms, 16 adults, 92 infants; Marriages, 20; Burials, 48; Communicants, about 280 whites, and 170 blacks.

Prince George's, Winyaw—Rev. John Jacob Tschudy, visitor; Baptism, 1 white child; Communicants, 35 whites and 5 blacks.

St. Helena's, Beaufort—Rev. John B. Campbell, Rector; Baptisms, 7; Marriage, 1; Funerals, 3; Communicants, 54.

St. John's Berkley—Rev. John Jacob Tschudy, Rector; Baptisms, 10 white children, and 1 black child; Marriage, 1; Funerals, 4; Communicants, 33 whites, and 9 blacks.

St. Thomas and St. Dennis—Rev. John Jacob Tschudy, visitor; Communicants, 2 whites.

St. Paul's, Stono—Rev. Frederick Dalcho, M. D. Deacon; Baptisms 2; Communicants 8.

Trinity Church, Columbia—Rev. Christian Hanckell, Rector; Baptisms, 1 adult, 8 infants; Marriage 1; Funerals 4; Communicants, about 30 whites and 1 black.

Prince William's—Rev. Christian Hanckell, Visitor; Baptisms 4; Marriages 2; Funerals 2.

St. Matthew's—Rev. C. E. Gadsden, Visitor; Communicants, 4 or 5.

Lower Clarendon—Rev. John Jacob Tschudy, Visitor; Communicants 4 whites.

Claremont—Rev. Maurice H. Lance, John J. Tschudy, and Christian Hanckell, Visitors; Baptisms 3; Communicants 29 whites.

St. James', Santee—Rev. John Jacob Tschudy and Maurice H. Lance, Visitors; Baptisms 29; Communicants 5 whites and 25 blacks.

Christ Church—Rev. C. E. Gadsden, Visitor; Baptisms 7 adults; Communicants about 10.

St. James', Goose-Creek—Rev. C. E. Gadsden, D. D. and M. H. Lance, Visitors; Baptisms 53.

St. Luke's—Rev. Christian Hanckell, Visitor; Baptisms, 1 adult, 2 infants.

The convention having determined to proceed to the election of delegates to the next general convention, it was resolved, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Lance, that the president appoint the same.

Whereupon the following gentlemen were appointed: The Rev. J. J. Tschudy, Rev. C. E. Gadsden, D. D. Rev. J. B. Campbell, Rev. Andrew Fowler, H. Middleton, B. Huger, J. Gaillard, Wm. Lowndes.

It was moved by Mr. Mitchell, that the rectors of the different parishes of the Diocess be requested to preach a sermon, and have a collection made for the purposes of defraying the expenses of the convention; and, if the sum should exceed the occasions of the convention for the next year, that the secretary and treasurer be directed to fund the balance in either of the banks in Charleston.

Resolved, on motion of Mr. Hasell, that the foregoing motion be amended by striking out from the word *directed* to the end, and adding as follows: "to purchase or have printed number of copies of the canons of the general convention, and also of the journals of the last session of the general convention."

The question was then taken on the motion thus amended, and was lost.

It was moved by Mr. Hasell, that this convention do procure the constitution and canons of the Pro. Epis. Church for the use of the members of the same; and that the secretary of the convention be directed to write to the Vestries of the respective Churches to aid us in effecting the same.

Resolved, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Hanckell, that the foregoing motion be amended by adding these words: "and in defraying the expenses of the convention."

Resolved, on motion of Judge Gaillard, that the motion be farther amended by adding the following words: "and that the treasurer be authorized to defray them."

The motion, thus amended, was then unanimously adopted.

Resolved, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Campbell, that the Bishop of this Diocess be requested to prepare a form of prayer for the private use of the members of the Epis. Church within this state, beseeching the Almighty in his goodness to continue to prosper her efforts in his cause and for the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom; and that the ministers of the different parishes be requested to exert their influence in recommending to their parishioners the daily use thereof.

Agreeably to the 45th canon of the general convention, "providing for an accurate view of the state of the church, from time to time," the Right Rev. Bishop delivered the following address:

Brethren, the Clergy and Laity of the Convention,

The anticipation of the season for the annual meeting of our churches in convention this year, leaves, in the time to be reviewed in this address, but little opportunity, for such things to have been done, or to have occurred, as it would be incumbent on me, under the canon, which requires the address, to state; or interesting to you, as guardians and friends of the Church, to hear. Yet great should be our gratitude to God, that *having obtained his help we continue unto this day.*

In contemplating "the affairs of the Diocess," it is pleasant to find the convention assembled this year in a place, where but a few years ago the worship of our Church had been unheard, and her character in a great measure unknown. While we witness the success which has attended the efforts to establish a Church in Co-

lumbia, amidst circumstances, by no means propitious to the accomplishment of such a purpose, what encouragement should be derived from it to make perseveringly efforts for similar ends, in places where the Church once existed but is now desolate; and in other parts of the Diocess, where, though it would be new, there is reason to hope it would, under the blessing of heaven, take root and flourish.

It is true, that in the erection of this goodly temple, and in the establishment of the society which so happily worships in it, there have been some noble acts of individual exertion, and private beneficence, and it ought to be known to the Churches, for the benefit which such examples are calculated to produce, that, besides other endowments from other quarters, there were given by one gentleman of this neighbourhood, General Wade Hampton, nearly three thousand dollars, to the treasury of the work which we see here accomplished. But, may it not be expected, that in this opulent and well informed Diocess, beneficence will never be absent, when disinterested and judicious exertions are making, to rebuild the waste places of the church of our fathers; or to consecrate new ground, and new houses, to the promotion of the honour of God our Redeemer, and the salvation of our fellow men. It is believed, that generous benefactions would be found in other parts of the Diocess, whenever the exertions of those whom it concerns to make them shall be such, as the necessity requires, and the unspeakable importance of the object should produce.

Since the statement last made to the convention, visitations have been made by me to the church at Goose-Creek—to Dorchester—to Christ Church, to St. James', Santee—to the church in Georgetown—to All-Saints, Waccamaw—to Prince William's Parish—to St. Luke's—to St. Peter's—to the church in Columbia—to Camden—to the church in Stateburg—to Clarendon—to Lower St. Mark's—to St. Matthew's—and to John's Island. In many of these Parishes, and also in St. Michael's Church in Charleston, confirmation was administered. The number confirmed since the last convention is about 170.

Interested in the prosperity of "the whole body of the church," and particularly in the parts of it adjacent to yourselves, it will give you pleasure to learn, that in the course of these visitations, at the request of the vestry of the church in Savannah, a visit was made to that place; where was found, recently erected, a spacious and convenient building, which was duly consecrated to the Christian worship of God; and also a numerous body of Episcopalians, who have exerted themselves to restore to their city the church of their ancestors; and are now enjoying its institution and services. In this congregation there were confirmed about 60.

The state of their houses of worship will generally indicate the degree of attention which is paid by any people to their religious concerns. There is undoubtedly manifested in this Diocess an increased sensibility on this subject. It will be gratifying to you to hear, that since we last met, subscriptions and other measures have been set on foot for building new churches on John's Island, at

Camden, on Sullivan's Island, and in the Parish of St. Thomas and St. Dennis; and that in Stateburg, at Georgetown, at All-Saints, and in St. Matthew's Parish, such repairs and improvements of their churches are making, as will recover them from the decayed state into which they had fallen, and render them not only useful to the Parishioners, but creditable to the land. The convention will also notice with satisfaction, the addition of two churches to their body: one in the upper part, and the other in the lower part of St. Mark's Parish; in each of which places a Society has been formed, and in the latter, a decent building devoted for the purpose of participating in the enjoyment of the faith and worship, with which our cummunity is so highly blessed. It is confidently expected that in these places, where the Episcopal Church had for many years been apparently dead, it will arise, and again be seen, if not in the maturity of age, yet flourishing in the vigour of youth, and exhibiting promise of future growth and stability. In some other parts of the Diocess attention has been paid to the decency, of enclosing with suitable fences the sacred spots, where the ashes of those, who once worshipped in the churches, rest—a decency, to which it is to be wished, a similar attention might every where be paid; as indicating a pious regard for the bodies, which the Son of God hath redeemed; and which there rest in hope; and as calculated to save our country from an opprobrium, to which unfinished churches and unprotected graves might tempt the traveller justly to subject it.

In the course of the visitations which have been made by me, there has been marked, as a cause of the decayed state of our church in many places, the want of active co-operation on the part of the laity. The Clergy are indeed the appointed guardians of God's spiritual house. In this province there are concerns committed to them by the great head of the church, with which it would be improper for others to interfere. But these concerns are altogether of a spiritual nature. To the temporal affairs of the church, as the Clergy neither have, nor should have, the care of them, so neither would their occupations admit of their paying so judicious and effectual attention, as may be paid to them by the laity. The joint exertions of two or three influential laymen in any parish would go far towards restoring to use and to beauty the temples which are now seen in ruins.

There is a consideration growing out of the nature of the climate in this state, which, it is believed, has checked in many parishes such exertions. "We remain," it is said, "in the country only six months in the year, and what avails it to repair our churches and provide a ministry." But surely men should not refuse to render to the Deity in one part of the year, what is due to him in every part it, because they cannot always pay it in the same place. Surely they should not in any place neglect to provide for themselves and their families those instructions and comforts of his word, which they every where need, because they cannot always receive them there. Let it be considered, how many christians in those six months, where no church is found, are deprived, in the Lord's Supper, of the most comfortable ordinance of their religion; and, in

the exercises of public worship, of the most valuable and satisfactory occupation of their lives. Let it be considered, how many youths in those six months may acquire the habit of disregarding the Sabbath of the Almighty, and neglecting the services, the protecting and saving services, of his holy temple. Let it be considered, how many persons in those six months are arrested by the king of terrors, whose sorrows on the bed of death are soothed with no kind office of religion; with whom, on the confines of eternity, there is no messenger of the Most High, to warn them against perdition, and point them the way to heaven.—How fatal would it have been to the inhabitants of the villages, in which our Saviour sometimes deigned to reside *awhile*, if they had rejected his ministrations, because he would not abide with them *constantly!* How many were saved by him in places, in which the voice of his word was but *occasionally* heard! If these considerations had their proper weight would they not induce the laity of every parish, to provide in their parish the ministrations of the temple, though they could enjoy them only a part of the year?

It is not however by an attention to her outward concerns only, that the laity may promote the prosperity of the church. On their attention to many spiritual duties depends much of her piety and respectability. There is, it is to be feared, a neglect, too prevalent, of the pleasant and very useful duty of family worship—a duty, which has always been most attended to in the most pious ages, and the influence of which upon the religious state of a people must in the nature of things be very considerable. Where there is attention paid to this duty, as blessed be God, there already is, in many families in the Diocess, the choicest pleasures of the domestic circle are found and seen around the domestic altar —and were it generally attended to, it is believed, that it would not only have the happiest influence upon the families, which regarded it, but also bring down a blessing upon the churches to which those families belonged.—By promoting moreover the circulation of approved religious books, and by an exemplary attendance on the worship and ordinances of the sanctuary whenever they have opportunity, and above all by instructing their children in the Catechism and making them acquainted not only with the common principles of Christianity, but also with the distinctive principles of our church, the laity may do much towards the restoration of her prosperity and renown. To the want of this cooperation may be attributed in a great degree, the feeble state both of her spiritual and temporal building.

In the time to be reviewed in this address, the Rev. Thomas Frost, who was ordained at the last session of the convention, has been appointed assistant minister of St. Philip's Church in Charleston; the Rev. Maurice Harvey Lance, who was ordained at the same time, has been appointed to the care of the church in Georgetown; the Rev. Christian Hanckell has been elected rector of Trinity Church in Columbia. And these gentlemen have entered upon the duties of their respective stations. It has pleased God in the course of the year to remove from among the clergy

the Rev. Joseph Warren, the late rector of St. Thomas' Parish, who died in North-Carolina, whither he had gone in the summer in the hope of recovering health. While his departure from the scenes of his ministerial labours carries our thoughts forward to the scenes of ministerial rest and reward, the ravages of death in the little band of our brotherhood, in each of the three last years, admonishes us affectingly, my brethren of the clergy, of the importance of ministerial fidelity. God speaks to us in these events. He bids us, if we do indeed desire his glory, to redouble our diligence in his service. Let us hear his voice. May he sanctify to us his solemn dispensations.

In adverting to the clergy, gentlemen of the convention, I am brought to a subject of great moment, not only to the churches in this Diocess, but to those of every Diocess in our union. Daily to be lamented is the difficulty of obtaining ministers for those parishes, which are willing to support them. Daily to be desired is a supply of clergymen, able by their piety, their talents, and learning, to do honour to the church, and advance the cause of God. Sensible of these things, many of the clergy of the church in the United States, have for several years past been meditating the establishment of a theological seminary, for educating candidates for the ministry, which should be the offspring and care of the whole church, as the best means under heaven of giving to our churches a body of enlightened, worthy and united clergymen, thoroughly furnished for the work of the ministry, and bound to each other with those ties, by which individuals become connected, who, at the same place, are engaged in early life in the same holy pursuits. During the last general convention, at the instance of the church in this Diocess, the subject was brought before that body, and it was then referred to the Bishops, or where there is no Bishop, to the ecclesiastical authority in each Diocess, to ascertain the sense of their respective Diocesses concerning the expediency and practicability of this measure. Between the present time and the next meeting of the general convention there will intervene another meeting of the convention, of this Diocess. And, though I can entertain no doubt, concerning the sentiments which will here prevail, yet as a means of forwarding to the general convention the strongest support of our Diocess in behalf of a measure, promising so much respectability and benefit to our church, it is recommended to the delegates of the several parishes, to request of their respective parishes to furnish their delegates to the next convention, with their opinions concerning the expediency of this measure, and the probable aid which would be obtained in their part of the Diocess towards the accomplishment of it. In this way the next convention of this Diocess may be able to furnish me with such views of the subject, as will be efficient in aiding the friends of this important design in accomplishing their wishes. Were reasons wanting to evidence the importance of the thing contemplated, they have been fully and ably detailed, in the sensible sermon delivered at the opening of this convention.

At every examination of the condition of the church in this part of her abode, there are apparent two causes, probably connected with each other, which retard her prosperity—the want of clergy, and the want of funds. With regard to the former, till such time as the measure just mentioned shall remove the difficulty, we must depend much in this Diocess upon the operations of *the Protestant Episcopal Society for the advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina.* And this cannot fail to be an additional inducement with every friend of the church, to promote by all laudable efforts the enlargement of the funds, and increase of the members of that institution. With regard to the latter, the want of funds: endeavours are making in some parishes, which might be advantageously imitated by all, to provide by means of permanent funds that sure and sufficient maintenance for the ministers of the gospel, to which the gospel itself entitles them. And may it not be hoped, that while under the influences of peace, the silver of the people of our community is multiplied; and their gold is multiplied; and all that they have is multiplied, they will be anxious to devote a portion of the wealth which God is giving them, to the support of the honour of his house and of the offices thereof? When it is remembered, how acceptably the piety of God's ancient people was expressed by their care of his temple and its services, and how large a part of their property, certainly not less than a tenth, was appropriated to this purpose; it ought not to be believed that *Christians*, in seasons of prosperity, will be surpassed in generosity to the Almighty by Jews; and suffer the institutions of religion to languish for want of funds. Were as much now done in this way, as God required his chosen people to do, we might reasonably expect, that the prosperity of our church would keep pace with the prosperity of our country; and the latter might participate with the former of that blessedness, which, by the promise of the Almighty rests upon his Holy Hill of Zion.

If, brethren of the Clergy and Laity, in adverting to "the affairs of the Diocess" we find some things, upon which to congratulate ourselves and to praise our God, you will perceive also, that scope remains for greater and happier exertions. Of the church it would be impious to despair. Small indeed it is in this Diocess. But small as it is, a little one may become a thousand; and a small one a great people. To it, in its collective capacity here, he who addresses you would apply the comfortable declaration, which every congregation regularly associated for the purpose of acknowledging and serving the Redeemer, however few in number or feeble in means, may also apply to themselves, "fear not, little flock, for it is your father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." May he, by the power of his grace, *stir up the wills and affections of his faithful people, that they plenteously bringing forth* to the support and service of his church *the fruit of good works, may by him be plenteously rewarded through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

THEODORE DEHON.

Resolved, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, that this convention, as representatives of the church of South-Carolina, do render

to their Bishop their grateful and affectionate thanks for his address delivered at this time, and for his continued, unremitted and expensive endeavours to extend the principles of the gospel, and to revive the zeal of its professors.

Resolved, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, that the Bishop be respectfully requested to permit his annual address to be read in the different churches for general information.

Resolved, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, that this convention still entertain the opinion, that the welfare of the church imperiously demands the institution of a Theological Seminary under the auspices of the general convention, and that the delegates from this Diocess be instructed to persevere in their endeavours to obtain so necessary an object.

Resolved, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, that, when this convention do adjourn, it adjourn to meet on the third Tuesday in February 1817, in Charleston at St. Michael's Church.

After prayers and the Episcopal benediction, the convention adjourned agreeably to the foregoing resolution.

TWENTY-NINTH CONVENTION

Of the Pro. Epis. Church in So. Ca. held in Charleston, on the 18th and 20th Feb. 1817.

List of the Clergy and Lay-Deputies, who attended the Convention.

CLERGY.

The Right Rev. Theodore Dehon, D. D. Bishop of the Pro. Epis. Church in So. Ca. Rev. John B. Campbell, Rector of St. Helena's, Beaufort; Rev. Frederick Dalcho, M. D. Assistant Minister of St. Paul's Church, Charleston; Rev. Andrew Fowler, Rector of the Pro. Epis. Church on Edisto Island; Rev. Hugh Fraser, Rector of All-Saints, Waccamaw; Rev. Thomas Frost, Assistant Minister of St. Philip's; Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D. Rector of St. Philip's; Rev. Paul T. Gervais, St. John's, Colleton; Rev. Maurice Harvey Lance, Deacon; Rev. Philip Mathews, Rector of St. Helena's Church, on St. Helena Island; Rev. John Jacob Tschudy, Rector of St. John's, Berkley.

LAY-DELEGATES.

St. Michael's—John Dawson, David Alexander, James Jervey.
St. Philip's—Thomas Corbett, John S. Bee, Thomas Roper.
St. Helena's, Beaufort—John Rhodes.
Prince George's, Winyaw—Francis Kinloch.
St. John's, Berkley—Keating Simons, Isaac Ball.
All-Saints, Waccamaw—John H. Tucker.
St. Helena's, St. Helena Island—John A. Fripp.

Trinity, Columbia—William Lance, Robert Hazlehurst, Charles Kershaw, Spencer J. Man, Dr. Edward Fisher.

St. Bartholomew's—Dr. James Perry, William Price.

St James', Goose-Creek—Peter Smith.

St. Matthew's—Edward Richardson.

Claremont—Hon. Thomas Waties, John Waties, Orlando S. Rees.

St. James', Santee—Thomas Pinckney.

North Santee, Winyaw—Hon. Elias Horry.

CHARLESTON, Tuesday, February 18, 1817.

This being the day appointed for the annual meeting of the convention of the Pro. Epis. Church, in So. Ca. several of the Clergy and Lay Delegates attended in St. Michael's Church, at half past 10 o'clock; when divine service was performed by the Rev. John Jacob Tschudy, and a sermon, suitable to the occasion, preached by the Rev. J. B. Campbell. To these usual solemnities was added the celebration of the Lord's Supper, according to a standing rule of the convention.

After divine service, the Bishop took the chair.

The following Clergy, members of the convention, appeared, and the following Lay Delegates presented certificates of their appointment, which were read and severally approved.

St. Michael's—Right Rev. Theodore Dehon, D. D. John Dawson.

St. Philip's—Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D. Rev. Thomas Frost, Thomas Corbett, John S. Bee.

St. Paul's, Charleston—Rev. F. Dalcho, M. D.

St. Helena's, Beaufort—Rev. John B. Campbell.

Prince George's—Rev. M. H. Lance.

St. John's, Berkley—Rev. John J. Tschudy, Keating Simons, Isaac Ball.

Edisto Island—Rev. Andrew Fowler.

All Saints—Rev. Hugh Fraser, John H. Tucker.

Trinity—William Lance, Robert Hazlehurst, Charles Kershaw, Spencer J. Man, Edward Fisher.

St. John's, Colleton—Rev. Paul T. Gervais.

St. Bartholomew's—Dr. James Perry.

St. James', Goose-Creek—Peter Smith.

St. Matthew's—Col. Edward Richardson.

Claremont—Hon. Thomas Waties.

St. James', Santee—Col. Thomas Pinckney.

North Santee—Hon. Elias Horry.

It appearing that a quorum was assembled, the convention proceeded to the election of a secretary and treasurer by ballot; when it was found, that the Rev. Mr. Tschudy was unanimously re-elected.

The journal of the last convention was read.

It was then moved by Mr. Lance, that the convention adjourn.

To-morrow being Ash-Wednesday, it was resolved, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, that the foregoing motion be amended, as

follows: *that when the convention do adjourn, it adjourn until Thursday next, at half past* 10 *o'clock.*

The motion, thus amended, was adopted; and the convention, on motion, adjourned accordingly.

Thursday, February 20, 1817.

The convention met and prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Fraser.

The minutes of Tuesday were read.

The Rev. Philip Mathews, rector of St. Helena's Church on St. Helena Island, appeared and took his seat: and the following lay delegates appeared, and presented the certificates of their appointment; which being read and approved of, they took their seats—David Alexander, and James Jervey, from St. Michael's; Col. Thomas Roper, from St. Philip's; John Rhodes, from St. Helena's, Beaufort; Francis Kinloch, from Prince George's, Winyaw; John A. Fripp, from St. Helena's, on St. Helena Island; William Price, from St. Bartholomew's; John Waties and Orlando S. Rees, from Claremont.

A certificate was received from St. Luke's, setting forth the appointment of Col. Daniel Stevens and Wm. Hort, as the delegates from that Church. This certificate was presented by Col. Stevens, declaring at the same time, that he was not an Episcopalian, and wishing to know whether he was entitled to a seat: Col. Stevens proposed to retire, till the question was decided, and accordingly withdrew.

It was then moved by Mr. Alexander, and unanimously carried, that the certificate from St. Luke's Parish be received so far as it tends to the qualification of Mr. Hort as a member of the convention, but rejected as it respects Col. Daniel Stevens, he having declared his own inadmissibility by representing himself not to be an Episcopalian.

Resolved, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Tschudy, that the president appoint a gentleman, to inform Col. Stevens of this decision.

Mr. Alexander was accordingly appointed.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Fowler, the thanks of the convention were presented to the Rev. Mr. Campbell for his appropriate and excellent discourse, delivered before them at the opening of the session.

[The treasurer made a report by which it appears, there was a balance in his hands of $57 37. The report concludes with recommending the adoption of certain measures, for defraying the expenses of the convention.]

It was then moved by the Rev. Mr. Lance, and unanimously carried, that the president appoint a committee of three, to take the subjects of the report into consideration, and to report thereon.

The Rev. Mr. Fowler, Messrs. Simons and Kinloch, were accordingly appointed the committee.

The report of the standing committee for the last year was then read, approved of, and confirmed.

The convention having determined to proceed to the election of a standing committee, it was resolved, on motion of the Rev. Mr.

Tschudy, that the president appoint the same, in conformity with the sixth rule.

Whereupon the following gentlemen were declared the standing committee :

The Rev. William Percy, D. D. Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D. Rev. Andrew Fowler, Rev. Frederick Dalcho, M. D. Rev. Thomas Frost, Rev. John J. Tschudy, John Dawson, David Alexander, Joseph Johnson, M. D. Thomas Corbett, Peter Smith, James Jervey.

Resolved, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Tschudy, that the president appoint two clerical gentlemen to preach the sermon at the opening of the next convention, one to officiate in case of the other's failure.

In pursuance of which resolution, the president appointed the Rev. Mr. Snowden to preach the sermon, and the Rev. Mr. Fowler in the case of his failure.

The following parochial reports, required by the 45th canon of the general convention, were presented by the clergy and read.

St. Michael's—Right Rev. Theodore Dehon, D. D. rector; Baptisms 115; Marriages 16; Funerals 25; Communicants, about 350 whites, and 130 persons of colour.

St. Philip's—Rev. C. E. Gadsden, D. D. rector; Baptisms, 23 adults, 128 infants; Marriages 48; Burials 97; Communicants about 320 whites, and 180 persons of colour.

St. Helena's Church, Beaufort—Rev. John B. Campbell, rector; Baptisms 2; Marriage 1; Burials 4; Communicants 54.

Prince George's, Winyaw—Rev. Maurice H. Lance, Deacon; Baptisms 18; Marriages 5; Burials 10; Communicants, 50 whites and 5 blacks.

St. John's, Berkley—Rev. John Jacob Tschudy, rector; Baptisms 9; Marriages 2; Funeral 1; Communicants, 37 whites and 12 blacks.

Edisto Island—Rev. Andrew Fowler, rector; Baptisms 11; Burials 2; Communicants 21.

All Saints, Waccamaw—Rev. Hugh Fraser, rector; Baptisms 3; Funerals 2; Communicants 21.

St. Helena Island—Rev. Philip Mathews, rector; Baptisms 5; Marriage 1; Funeral 4; Communicants 13.

Trinity Church, Columbia—Rev. Christian Hanckell, rector; Baptisms 5; Marriages 3; Burials 6; Communicants, 23 whites and 1 black. This report was forwarded to the convention.

Hilton Head—Rev. Philip Mathews, visitor; Baptisms 3; Marriage 1; Communicants 3.

St. John's, Colleton—Rev. Andrew Fowler, visitor; Baptisms 2.

St. Paul's, Stono—Rev. Frederick Dalcho, M. D. late minister; Baptisms 2; Marriage 1; Communicants 7.

St. Bartholomew's—Rev. Andrew Fowler and Thomas Frost, visitors; Baptisms 9; Marriages 2.

St. James', Goose-Creek—Rev. C. E. Gadsden, visitor; Baptisms 3; Marriage 1; Communicants about 20.

St. Matthew's—Rev. C. E. Gadsden, D. D. visitor; Baptism 1; Communicants 4 or 5.

Lower St. Mark's—Rev. John Jacob Tschudy, visitor; Baptism 1; Communicants 15.

Upper St. Mark's—Rev. C. E. Gadsden, D. D. visitor; Baptisms 4; Marriage 1.

Claremont—Rev. C. E. Gadsden, D. D. and John J. Tschudy, visitors; Baptisms 24; Communicants, about 30.

St. James', Santee—Rev. C. E. Gadsden, D. D. visitor; Baptisms 4; Marriage 1; Communicants, about 20.

Christ Church—Rev. C. E. Gadsden, D. D. visitor; Baptisms 8; Communicants 7 or 8.

St. Thomas and St. Dennis—Rev. C. E. Gadsden, D. D. visitor; Communicants, about 12.

St. Luke's—Rev. Philip Matthews, visitor; Marriage 1.

Camden—Rev. C. E. Gadsden, D. D. visitor; Communicants, about 10.

The convention having determined to proceed to the election of delegates to the next general convention, it was resolved, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Tschudy, that the president appoint the same.

Whereupon the following gentlemen were appointed: The Rev. Andrew Fowler, Rev. J. J. Tschudy, Rev. John B. Campbell, Rev. Hugh Fraser, Thomas Corbett, Dr. Campbell, John H. Tucker, James Cuthbert.

The Rev. Mr. Fowler, as chairman of the committee, to whom was referred the report of the secretary and treasurer, reported, "That, conceiving it impracticable to ascertain the quota of the different churches towards defraying the general expenses, they recommend that the secretary and treasurer be directed to repeat his application to the churches of St. Michael's and St. Philip's for such assistance towards the objects mentioned in his report as they may think proper to afford; and that he apply likewise to those churches, which were omitted upon the former occasion, for their contributions towards defraying the expenses of the present convention, and procuring the canons and journals of the general convention."

It was moved by Mr. Dawson, and unanimously carried, to amend the foregoing report by striking out these words, "to repeat his application to the churches of St. Michael's and St. Philip's for such assistance towards the objects mentioned in his report, as they may think proper to afford, and that he apply likewise to those churches which were omitted upon the former occasion;" and inserting instead thereof, as follows—*to apply to those churches from which no contribution has in the last year been received.*

The report of the committee, thus amended, was approved of and confirmed.

The Bishop stated to the convention that, at the general convention last held in Philadelphia, a motion had been made, that measures should be taken for the establishment of a Theological Seminary, for the full and proper education of candidates for Holy Orders in these United States, to be supported by the patronage of all the branches of the Church in these States, and under the superintendence and regulation of the general convention; that,

upon considering this motion, it had been referred to the Bishops of the several Diocesses, or, where there is no Bishop, to the ecclesiastical authority, to ascertain the sense of their Diocesses respectively upon this subject, and report it at the next general convention. The Bishop observed, that the time of the meeting of the next general convention was near at hand, and that he knew of no method so sure and convenient for ascertaining the opinion of the church in this Diocess, upon the subject referred to him, as by taking it in this convention; and he therefore requested, that this important business might be taken into consideration by the convention, and their opinion be given to him, in such way as they should deem best, upon the *practicability* and *expediency* of establishing for the benefit of the Church in the United States such a seminary as had been described.

Whereupon, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, the following resolutions, after much consideration, were unanimously passed:

Resolved, that this convention are of opinion, that the immediate establishment of a theological seminary under the care of the general convention, from which the church may be constantly supplied with clergymen, endeared to each other by early association, and possessing sound learning and correct habits, is a measure of vital importance to her welfare, and is imperiously called for by the present want of ministers.

Resolved further, that this convention are of opinion, that, to establish an institution worthy of the church, and adequate to her wants, it must have the united support of the whole church in these United States; and, while they cannot for a moment entertain a doubt, that the church is fully able to support such an institution generously, and on a most noble foundation, so they fully believe that her members in South-Carolina will be ready to contribute their full proportion to the endowment and maintenance of such an establishment.

Agreeably to the 45th canon of the general convention "providing for an accurate view of the state of the Church from time to time," the Right Rev. Bishop delivered the following address:

My Brethren, the Clergy, and Lay-Deputies of the Convention,

While we felicitate ourselves, that under the good Providence of God, we are once more met together, as brethren, on the spiritual concerns of this part of the Church of our Redeemer, it gives me pleasure to think, that in the view of the transactions of the last year, which I am required by a canon of the general convention to lay before you, you will find some things, which demand our special gratitude to the Most High, and seem to indicate some degree of prosperity in "the affairs of this Diocess."

Since the last convention a visit was made by me to the lower part of St. Mark's Parish, where I consecrated a decent building by the name of St. Mark's Church to the christian worship of Almighty God. In this Church a pious congregation statedly assemble to hear the service, and a sermon read by a lay-man; who eagerly and thankfully receive the ministrations of clergymen.

whenever they are offered to them ; and would do what they can to maintain a minister among them, if a suitable one could be procured. In the upper part of this parish it is in contemplation also to build a Church.

In this city, Charleston, a spacious and magnificent Church has been erected; and at the request of the Vestry thereof, was, early in the spring, consecrated by the name of St. Paul's Church, according to the ritual for that service ordered and provided. The Vestry of this Church shortly after informed me, that they had elected the Rev. Dr. William Percy to be Rector, and the Rev. John Barnwell Campbell to be associated Rector of their Church ; and subsequently, that they had elected the Rev. Frederick Dalcho to be an assistant Minister of the same. The certificates of these elections have been transmitted to the secretary of the convention ; but the Rev. Mr. Campbell has not, so far as I have known, accepted his appointment.

In the parish of All-Saints, Waccamaw, there has also been finished, with a laudable zeal, a very neat and commodious building ; which, in November last, was duly consecrated by the name of the Parish Church of All-Saints. The same goodly zeal has, in this parish, enclosed with a decent fence the chambers of the dead.

A new Church is nearly finished on John's Island by means of a bequest from the late Francis Simons, Esq. and a building has been purchased by subscription, to be converted in the ensuing season into a place of public worship, on Sullivan's Island, whither so many members of our community resort in summer for comfort and health. Subscriptions have been made for repairing the burnt Church in St. Bartholomew's Parish, and for building a Church in Prince William's Parish, and a Church at Ashepoo. And there is reason to hope that other waste places, over which the pious have so long sighed, will not always remain desolate.

It will be gratifying to you, my Brethren, to learn, that God, as we trust, has put it into the hearts of several young gentlemen, of respectable connexions, and natives of this state, to devote themselves to the ministry of his Church in our Diocess. Already Mr. David Irving Campbell, of St. Bartholomew's Parish, and Mr. Henry Gibbes, of this city, both of them graduates of the South Carolina College, have been received by me as candidates for Holy Orders. There is a prospect, that some others will shortly be added to them.

In the course of the year, the Rev. Mr. Fowler has notified me of his intention to resign his Cure on Edisto Island : and the Rev. Dr. Mills has removed from his care of St. Andrew's Parish to the upper part of the state.

By the canon of the general convention, which requires this address, it is my duty to state to you, that, since the last meeting of this convention, visitations have been made by me, to the Church on John's Island ; to Christ Church parish; to the parish of St. Bartholomew's, and to Prince William's parish ; to the Church in Beaufort; to the Church on St. Helena Island, and to the Church

on Hilton Head; to St. Luke's parish; to the Church at Dorchester; to the parish of St. Thomas and St. Dennis, to lower St. Mark's, and to Clarendon; to St. Matthew's parish; to the Church in Georgetown, and to the parish of All-Saints, Waccamaw. In most of these parishes, and also in St. Philip's Church in Charleston, Confirmation was at these visitations administered. The number confirmed, since my last report to you, is about one hundred and fifty.

Closely connected with the affairs of the Diocess, by reason of its happy influence upon them, is the prosperity of the Pro. Epis. Society for the advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina. It is mentioned, therefore, as properly included in the object of this address, that Providence has continued to smile most graciously upon this institution, with which the future strength and growth of the Church in this Diocess, will in all probability be very intimately connected. A theological library founded, and increasing, under its auspices, promises to be, not only a valuable convenience to the candidates for the ministry, but a source of useful knowledge to all the members of our community. It is stated moreover, with emotions of new and very great pleasure, that, actuated by a desire of the prosperity of the Church in this diocess, a pious female, who, while she lived, was one of its purest and most exemplary members, Miss Theresa Julia De Tollinare, has bequeathed to that society, to be applied to the purposes, by which it is aiming to promote this prosperity, one half of a considerable estate, to be possessed by them after the decease of an aged father; to whose comfort, her filial piety led her, to devote in the first place the use of all her property, so long as he shall live. A deed, so pious, so munificent, and likely to have ultimately so great operation upon the interests of our Churches, that I am sure you will with me deem it due to her worth, that it should here "be told for a memorial of her." There stands appropriated by the Society to the employment of a Missionary, the sum of five hundred dollars. But it is painful to add, that the difficulty of procuring clergymen has prevented its application.

Gratifying, in a high degree, it must be to us all, to see in this present convention, delegates attending in person from many parishes, from which heretofore there has been no representation; and more Churches represented at this time, than upon any former occasion.* It is not among the least of the benefits, which may be expected to result from this coming in of the Churches to our association, that, by the best of all possible means, *a knowledge of facts*, it will correct any ill-founded apprehension, that this Convention is pursuing, or can pursue, any other objects, than the increase and religious prosperity of the Church in this part of her

* Want of room will prevent the re-publication of the Journals of 1819 and 20. At the latter Convention, eighteen Clergymen were present ex officio, and two, entitled to seats, were absent. Twenty-one Churches were represented by the Delegates. Twenty Clergymen, have Parochial Cures, in 1820. This is a greater number than at any period, since the Revolution.

earthly abode. God grant, that as in an auspicious season of primitive christianity, in Judea and Samaria, and Galilee, so here, under his gracious providence, his Churches may "have rest;" strengthening, by communion and fellowship, their sense of their joint relation to their common head, JESUS CHRIST, the REDEEMER of them all; and their obligation to promote, as much as in them lieth, the prosperity and happiness of each other—and that, "*walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost*," they may, to the glory of his grace, be happily and abundantly "*multiplied*."

THEODORE DEHON.

Charleston, Feb. 20, 1817.

Resolved, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, that the thanks of this convention be rendered to the Bishop for his address delivered at this time, and that he be respectfully requested to permit it to be read in the different Churches for general information.

Resolved, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, that this convention are deeply impressed with a sense of gratitude to our Bishop, for his persevering zeal to maintain and extend the principles of our Church; and they are satisfied, that in this sentiment they speak the sense of all the Churches in the Diocess.

After Prayers and the Episcopal benediction, the convention adjourned.

THIRTIETH CONVENTION

Of the Pro. Epis. Church in So. Ca. held in Charleston, on the 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th & 21st February 1818.

List of the Clergy and Lay-Delegates, who attended the convention.

CLERGY.

The Rev. Frederick Dalcho, M. D. Deacon; Rev. C. E. Gadsden, D. D. rector of St. Philip's; Rev. Paul T. Gervais, rector of St. John's, Colleton; Rev. Philip Mathews, rector of St. Helena's Church on St. Helena Island; Rev. Albert Arney Muller, Deacon; Rev. William Percy, D. D. rector of St. Paul's, Rad. Rev. John Jacob Tschudy, rector of St. John's, Berkley.

LAY-DELEGATES.

St. Michael's—David Alexander, Charles Kershaw, Robert Hazlehurst, James Jervey, John Dawson, John Potter.

St. Philip's—Thomas Corbett, John Simmons Bee, Col. Thomas Roper, Major Henry H. Bacot.

St. Paul's, Rad.—William Brisbane.

Prince George's, Winyaw—Francis Kinloch, Benjamin Huger, Major Thomas Carr, Major Samuel Wragg, John M. Taylor.

St. John's, Berkley—Isaac Ball, Edward Simons.

Edisto Island—Dr. Edward Mitchell.

All-Saints—John H. Tucker, Robert Withers.

Trinity Church, Columbia—Hon. Theodore Gaillard, William Lance, Spencer J. Man.

St. John's, Colleton—Lewis L. Gibbs.

St. Paul's—Wm. Washington.

St. James', Goose-Creek—Peter Smith.

St. Matthew's—Col. Edward Richardson.

Claremont—John Bay, Robert J. Turnbull, John S. Richardson.

St. James', Santee—John Axson, John Middleton, Thomas C. Mitchell.

Christ Church—Francis G. Deliesseline, James Gregorie.

The Pro. Epis. Church on Sullivan's Island—Gen. Daniel Elliot Huger.

CHARLESTON, Tuesday, Feb. 17, 1818.

This being the day appointed for the annual meeting of the convention of the Pro. Epis. Church, in the state of So. Ca. several of the Clergy and Lay-Delegates, attended in St. Michael's Church, at half past 10 o'clock, when Divine Service was performed by the Rev. William Percy, D. D. and the Rev. John Jacob Tschudy, and a sermon, suitable to the occasion, preached by the Rev. Andrew Fowler. To these usual solemnities was added the celebration of the Lord's Supper, according to a standing rule of the convention.

After divine service, the Rev. Paul T. Gervais was called to the chair, and the Rev. John Jacob Tschudy acted as secretary.

The following Clergy, members of the convention, appeared, and the following lay-delegates presented certificates of their appointment, which were read and severally approved.

St. Michael's—Rev. Frederick Dalcho, M. D. David Alexander, Charles Kershaw, Robert Hazlehurst, James Jervey.

St. Philip's—Rev. C. E. Gadsden, D. D. Thomas Corbett, John S. Bee, Col. Thomas Roper, Major Henry H. Bacot.

St. Paul's, Rad.—Rev. William Percy, D. D. William Brisbane.

Prince George's—Francis Kinloch, Benjamin Huger, Major Thomas Carr, Major Samuel Wragg.

St. John's, Berkley—Rev. John Jacob Tschudy, Isaac Ball, Edward Simons.

Edisto Island—Dr. Edward Mitchell.

All-Saints—John H. Tucker, Robert Withers.

St. Helena Island—Rev. Philip Mathews.

Trinity—Hon. Theodore Gaillard, William Lance, Spencer J. Man.

St. John's, Colleton—Rev. Paul T. Gervais, Lewis L. Gibbes.

St. James', Goose-Creek—Peter Smith.

St. Matthew's—Col. Edward Richardson.

Claremont—John Bay.

St. James', Santee—John Axson.

Sullivan's Island—Rev. Albert Arney Muller, Gen. Daniel E. Huger.

It appearing that a quorum was assembled, the convention proceeded to the election of a President, and of a Secretary and Treasurer by ballot; when it was found, that the Rev. C. E. Gadsden, D. D. was elected President, and the Rev. John Jacob Tschudy unanimously re-elected Secretary and Treasurer.

The convention adjourned until to-morrow at 9 o'clock.

Wednesday, Feb. 18, 1818.

The convention met, and prayers were read by the Rev. Dr. Gadsden.

The following gentlemen appeared, and presented the certificates of their appointment; which being read and approved of, they took their seats: Wm. Washington, from St. Paul's parish; John Middleton, from St. James', Santee; and John M. Taylor, from Prince George's, Winyaw.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

The journal of the last convention was read.

Thomas C. Mitchell, from St. James', Santee, appeared and took his seat; his certificate having been yssterday received, read and approved of.

[The treasurer made a report, by which it appears, there was a balance in his hands of $69.]

The following was moved by the Hon. Theodore Gaillard, and unanimously adopted:

"It has pleased Divine Providence, in his inscrutable wisdom, to take from this church its Bishop. *He was a burning and a shining light, and we rejoiced for a season in his light.* Talents of the first order, knowledge deep and extensive, virtue pure and exalted, zeal happily tempered by discretion,—in fine, the distinguishing excellencies of the sincere Christian and the devoted minister render his removal a signal calamity to the church and to society. Time has not weakened, in the smallest degree, the impression of his uncommon merit; and the recurrence of this meeting has opened anew the wounds of our church. The members of this convention would mingle their sorrows on this occasion, and in expressing their feelings seek some alleviation.—Therefore,

"*Resolved*, 1st. That this convention retain a lively recollection of the invaluable life, and the distinguished services to this Diocess, and the church in general, of our late revered and beloved Diocesan.

"2dly. That this convention will in their prayers, earnestly supplicate the mercy of Almighty God on this bereaved church, and especially that he would be pleased to guide them in the choice of a successor to the Episcopate; and they do affectionately request the prayers of all the members of our church on this most important occasion."

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Gervais, *Resolved*, by all the churches, excepting one, that the convention forthwith proceed to the election of a Bishop.

John Dawson appeared as a delegate from St. Michael's Church, and took his seat; his certificate having been yesterday received, read and approved of.

It was moved by Mr. Mitchel, that the convention reconsider the foregoing resolution for the immediate election of a Bishop; but two churches only appeared in favour of it.

Before the question was taken upon the foregoing motion, the following gentlemen appeared, and took their seats; their certificates having been yesterday received, read and approved of: Robert J. Turnbull, from Clarenont; and John Potter from St. Michael's.

The convention then proceeded to the election of a Bishop; when the Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D. was found to have the unanimous suffrages of all the clergy and the churches.

It was moved by the Rev. Mr. Gervais, and unanimously carried, that the president appoint two gentlemen to inform the Rev. Dr. Bowen of his election to the episcopate.

Whereupon the Rev. Mr. Gervais and the Rev. Mr. Tschudy were appointed for that purpose.

It was moved by the Rev. Mr. Gervais, that a committee be appointed to draft some rules of order but, after some little conversation upon the subject, the motion was withdrawn.

Resolved, on motion of Gen. Huger, that a committee, consisting of one lay-man from each church, now represented in the convention, be appointed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a fund for the support of the Bishop, and to suggest such plans, as they may deem advisable, for the benefit of the church.

Whereupon the following gentlemen were appointed: Hon. Theodore Gaillard, John Potter, Col. Thomas Roper, William Brisbane, Major Thomas Carr, Isaac Ball, Dr. Edward Mitchell, John H. Tucker, Lewis L. Gibbes, William Washington, Peter Smith, Col. Edward Richardson, Robert J. Turnbull, John Middleton, and Gen. Daniel Elliot Huger.

The report of the standing committee was read, approved of, and confirmed.

Resolved, on motion of Gen. Huger, that so much of that report as respects the death of the late Bishop, and as regards the Sunday Schools, be entered on the journals of the convention.*

Proceedings of the standing committee, relative to the establishment of Sunday Schools.

"The standing committee were informed, that the persons, who held subscription papers for the establishment of a Sunday School in our churches, were desirous of paying over the several sums collected by them to some authorized agent, for the purpose of carry-

* For the Proceedings of the Standing Committee on the death of Bishop Dehon, see page 227. Want of room prevents their insertion here.

ing that object into effect: wherefore it was on motion resolved unanimously—

"First, that this committee do appoint a treasurer, to take charge of the Sunday-school fund, and to report quarterly his receipts and disbursements to this committee; and that, so soon as a Bishop shall be appointed for this diocess, this fund shall be paid over to him, in conformity to the design of the original contributors thereto:—

"Secondly, that a Catechist be immediately appointed, subject to the control of this committee, whose duty it shall be to instruct his pupils on the Lord's day, in conformity to the plan signed by the subscribers; and that he shall be authorized to draw from the treasurer for his services for the first quarter the sum of $150:

"Thirdly, that in conformity to the original proposals, which were signed by the contributors, the contributions of the subscribers for life shall be immediately vested in such stock as the standing committee may direct, so as to create a permanent fund for the benefit of Sunday Schools on the principles of the Pro. Epis Church in the U. S. A.

"The committee proceeded to an election; and the Rev. Andrew Fowler was elected Catechist, and the Rev. F. Dalcho, M. D. was elected treasurer."

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Gervais, *Resolved*, that the president appoint the next standing committee, and that he be requested to place himself upon the list.

Whereupon the following gentlemen were appointed: The Rev. Wm. Percy, D. D. Rev. C. E. Gadsden, D. D. Rev. Andrew Fowler, Rev. John J. Tschudy, Rev. Paul T. Gervais, Rev. F. Dalcho, M. D. John Dawson, David Alexander, Dr. Joseph Johnson, Thomas Corbett, Peter Smith, James Jervey.

The convention adjourned until to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

Thursday, February 19th, 1818.

The convention met; and prayers were read by the Rev. Frederick Dalcho, M. D.

Francis G. Deliesseline appeared as a delegate from Christ Church, and presented his certificate, which being read and approved of, he took his seat.

The following parochial reports, required by the 45th canon of the general convention, were presented by the clergy, and read:

St. Michael's Church—Rev. Frederick Dalcho, M. D. Deacon; Marriages, 11; Baptisms, 83; Funerals, 50; Communicants, about 350 whites, and 130 persons of colour.

St. Philip's—Rev. C. E. Gadsden, D. D. Rector; Baptisms, 120; Marriages, 30; Burials, 135; Communicants, about 320 whites, and 180 persons of colour.

St. Paul's, Radcliffeborough—Rev. Wm. Percy, D. D. Rector; Baptisms, 14; Burials, 15; Marriages, 7, Communicants, from 60 to 70.

St. Helena's, Beaufort—Rev. John B. Campbell, Rector; Burials, 14; Baptisms, 10; Marriages, 4; Communicants, 5 new ones added, and 3 died within the last year. This report was forwarded to the convention.

Prince George's, Winyaw—Rev. Maurice H. Lance, Deacon; Baptisms, 10; Marriages 4; Burials, 9; Communicants, as before. This report was likewise forwarded to the convention.

St. John's Berkley—Rev. John Jacob Tschudy, Rector; Baptisms, 3; Marriages, 3; Funerals, 13; Communicants, 40 whites, and 15 blacks; 7 white and 3 black communicants were added during the past year; whilst 2 communicants died, and 2 removed from the parish.

St. Stephen's—Rev. Albert A. Muller, Missionary; Baptisms, 2.

Edisto Island—Rev. Paul T. Gervais, Visitor; Marriages, 1; Baptisms, 1.

All-Saints—Rev. Andrew Fowler, Visitor; Baptisms, 1 child; Funerals, 3; Communicants, 18 whites and 20 blacks. This report was forwarded to the convention.

St. Helena Island—Rev. Philip Mathews, Rector; Baptisms, 2; Marriages, 1; Funerals, 32; Communicants, 13; one having died the last year, and one having been added.

St. John's, Colleton—Rev. Paul T. Gervais, Rector; Baptisms, 1; Funerals, 2; Communicants, 12 white persons, and one black person.

St. Bartholomew's—Rev. Philip Mathews, Visitor; Funeral, 1; Marriage, 1.

St. Matthew's—Rev. Albert A. Muller, Missionary; Baptisms, 5.

Lower St. Mark's—Rev. John Jacob Tschudy, Visitor; Baptisms, 5; Communicants, 18.

Trinity Church, Columbia—Rev. Christian Hanckell, Rector; Baptisms, 12; Funerals, 3; Communicants, about 20.

Claremont—Rev. Christian Hanckell and Albert A. Muller, Visitors; Baptisms, 8; Marriages, 3; Communicants, about 30.

St. James', Santee—Rev. C. E. Gadsden, D. D. Andrew Fowler and Albert A. Muller, Visitors; Baptisms, 17, Funerals, 1; Communicants, about 18.

Christ Church—Rev. C. E. Gadsden, D. D. Visitor; Baptisms 10; Communicants about 30.

St. Thomas and St. Dennis—Rev. John Jacob Tschudy, visitor; Baptism, 1.

Sullivan's Island—Rev. Albert A. Muller, Deacon; Baptisms, 5: Marriages 2; Funerals, 2; Communicants, about 30.

The Rev. Mr. Gervais, from the committee appointed to wait upon the Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D. and inform him of his election to the Episcopate, reported, that they had performed the duty assigned them, and had received from him an answer by letter: which letter was handed to the president, and read to the convention.

Whereupon it was moved by Mr. Bay, and unanimously adopted, that the letter of the Bishop elect be entered upon the journals; which is as follows:

To the Rev. Paul T. Gervais, and the Rev. J. J. Tschudy.

GENTLEMEN,

You are aware, that it is now too late for me to hesitate to assent to the wish, with the expression of which you have been

charged, in behalf of the convention of the Pro. Epis. Churches of this state. Yet you will readily conceive, with what feelings I find myself in circumstances, which constrain my acceptance of the Episcopal office, as the immediate successor of one, so eminently qualified for it, as he was, of whom it has been the will of a mysterious Providence, that this Diocess should be bereaved. Should I, however, be canonically invested with this office, I will endeavour to perform its duties: trusting in the Lord "who heareth prayer," for aid to sustain its burden; and looking, with an animating confidence, to the same candour and kindness of my brethren, both of the clergy and laity, in which I am invited to this station, for the countenance, assistance and support, in the active discharge of its obligations, which I shall so indispensably require.

But while I thus assent to the wishes of my brethren, expressed in a manner which encourages the persuasion, that I could not decline them, without violating duty; it becomes me to say to the convention, through you, that, under existing circumstances, the parish of which I have consented to be the minister, must chiefly claim my time, attention and care; and that I shall, unavoidably, be restricted in the exercise of the functions of the Episcopate, within the limits which my duties as the Pastor of a particular congregation will prescribe, until the Diocess shall by some assistance extended to the necessity of the case, enable the vestry of St. Michael's Church, to associate with me a second minister in the performance of those duties. The liberal exertions made by the vestry and congregation of that church, to provide for the support of the office which I am to sustain in relation to *them*, superadded to the intimate and interesting nature of that relation itself, certainly give their case a peculiar claim to anxious consideration on my part, and will, I trust, be deemed by the convention, a good title to similar consideration on theirs; especially when it is recollected, that to the lot of *that church*, it fell, to maintain the Episcopate in the last instance, and to surrender largely to the demands of their sister churches, the much valued services of their only minister.

Permit me also, gentlemen, to convey to the convention through you, my thanks for the honour, which this expression of their sentiments has done me; and accept for the kind and affectionate manner in which you have borne it to me, the cordial acknowledgments of your affectionate brother,

N. BOWEN.

Charleston, Feb. 18, 1818.

It was moved by the Rev. Mr. Gervais, and carried, that the president appoint two clerical gentlemen to preach the sermon at the opening of the next convention, one to officiate in case of the other's failure.

In pursuance of which resolution, the president appointed the Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D. to preach the sermon, and the Rev. Paul T. Gervais in the case of his failure.

The convention having determined to proceed to the election of delegates to attend any meeting of the general convention, that

may be called before the next annual meeting of this Diocesan convention, it was resolved, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Tschudy, that the president appoint the same.

Whereupon the following gentlemen were appointed: The Rev. Paul T. Gervais, Rev. John J. Tschudy, Rev. J. B. Campbell, Rev. Andrew Fowler, Thomas Corbett, Gen. D. E. Huger, Robert J. Turnbull, Thomas C. Mitchell.

Resolved, on motion of the Rev. Dr Dalcho, that the convention forthwith proceed to sign the testimonials of the Bishop elect, according to the directions of the third canon: which was immediately done.

Resolved, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Muller, that this convention derive much satisfaction from the information, that the late general convention have deemed it expedient to establish, for the better education of the candidates for holy orders in this church, a general Theological Seminary; and that the persons appointed to visit the several parts of the United States, and solicit contributions towards funds for founding and endowing such an institution, have entered on the duty with much zeal, and already had considerable success: and they feel persuaded, that, as this measure was strenuously advocated by our late honoured Diocesan, and was often recommended by this convention to the attention of the church in general, so it will meet with a generous patronage in this Diocess.

Resolved, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Dalcho, that the convention view, with great satisfaction, the increasing prosperity of the "Pro. Epis. Society for the advancement of Christianity in So. Ca." and contemplate with delight, the prospect of its extensive usefulness. The convention, therefore, feel it to be a duty they owe to the church of the Redeemer, earnestly to recommend this Society to the patronage of the members and friends of the church throughout the Diocess; believing that it will, under the good providence of God, be the happy instrument of extending the borders of our Zion, and of making the desert to become a green pasture for the fold of the living God.

The Hon. Theodore Gaillard, as chairman of the committee, appointed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a fund for the support of a Bishop,—and to suggest such plans, as they may deem advisable for the benefit of the church, presented a report, which was immediately read.

Friday, Feb. 20, 1818.

The convention met, and prayers were read by the Rev. Paul T. Gervais.

The following lay-delegates appeared, and presented the certificates of their appointment; which being read and approved, they took their seats: James Gregorie, from Christ Church, and John S. Richardson, from Claremont.

[The report brought in by Judge Gaillard, yesterday, having undergone considerable discussion and alteration, was unanimously adopted in the following form.]

" The committee, consisting of lay-delegates, one from each church now represented in the convention, to whom was referred the resolution to inquire into the expediency of establishing a fund for the support of a Bishop, and to suggest such plans, as they may deem advisable for the benefit of the church, report, that it is expedient to raise a fund for the support of a Bishop; and they recommend the following resolutions:

" 1st. That it is expedient to raise a fund by subscription, to be called the Bishop's permanent fund, for the support of a Bishop of the Diocess of the State of South-Carolina;

" And they recommend, that one or more persons be appointed in each parish of the Diocess, by the president of the convention, whose duty it shall be to call upon the Episcopalians in his parish, and to transmit such monies as he shall collect, to the treasurer of the Pro. Epis. Society for the advancement of Christianity in So. Ca. to be by him invested in bank-stock, government-security, or otherwise, as the board of trustees of that society shall deem expedient.

" That the certificates of stock, or evidences of property purchased, shall be in the incorporated name of the society, in trust for the Bishop's permanent fund.

" That not more than three-fourths of the annual income of the said fund shall be applicable to the support of a Bishop, and that the remainder shall go toward the accumulation of the fund.

" 2d. That, whenever the annual income of the fund liable to appropriation, shall amount to more than the sum of $4000, the excess shall be at the disposal of the convention of this state; and the Bishop shall then immediately cease to be the rector of any particular church, unless the restriction be removed by the convention;

" And that it be recommended to address a circular letter to each person, who may be appointed as above-mentioned, stating the views and designs of the convention, as regards the Bishop's permanent fund; and that this letter be signed by the members of the committee.

" 3d. That within five months from this time in the present year, and that in every year hereafter, a sermon shall be preached in every church in this Diocess, in aid of the support of a Bishop, until the Bishop's fund shall be adequate thereto; and that the sums collected be transmitted to the treasurer of the Pro. Epis. Society, and be applicable to the immediate support of the Bishop.

" 4th. That the Pro. Epis. Society for the advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina, and the Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of the Clergy of the Pro. Epis. Church in the State of South-Carolina, be requested to contribute to this object.

" 5th. That the Rev. Mr. Muller be requested to deliver to the treasurer of the Pro. Epis. Society the money, notes and orders, received by him on account of the Bishop's fund; and that the thanks of the convention be given to Mr. Muller for his exertions

and zeal in behalf of the church, in obtaining contributions for this fund.

"6th. That it be recommended to every parish, in which there is an Episcopal congregation, and in which no funds, or insufficient funds have been provided for a minister, to agree to pay, each member of the congregation, a certain per centage on the amount of his general tax, or to adopt any other mode, which may be deemed most advisable to raise a permanent fund for the decent support of a minister; the said fund to be allowed to accumulate, until there shall be an income therefrom, sufficient for the object proposed; and that the monies, received on this account, be transmitted to the treasurer of the board of trustees of the Pro. Epis. Society, to be invested by the trustees of the said board in bank-stock, government-securities, or other property, in trust for the ministers of the parishes, from which the said sums shall be received, respectively; and that the funds, received as aforesaid, shall be appropriated to the support of the ministers aforesaid, who shall always be obliged to comply with the rubrics and canons of the Pro. Epis. Church in South-Carolina, as authorized and sanctioned by the authority of the convention of the same.

"7th. That the treasurer be allowed such compensation, as the board of trustees shall deem proper."

The convention adjourned until to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

Saturday, February 21, 1818.

The convention met; and prayers were read by the Rev. John Jacob Tschudy.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

The following resolution was proposed by Major Carr, but rejected by a very large majority: "*Resolved*, that the delegates from this convention to the general convention be requested to propose to that body an alteration of the twentieth canon, so as to require the several Bishops to visit the churches of their respective Diocesses, once in each year at least."

Resolved, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Dalcho, that the thanks of the convention be tendered to the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, for his able and impartial discharge of the duties of president of this convention, during a highly interesting and important session.

Whereupon the Rev. President rose, and addressed the convention: which address was, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Muller, respectfully requested of the president by an unanimous vote, in order to be inserted on the journals, and is nearly as follows:

"Gentlemen,—I thank you for your approbation; and I hope I may be permitted to indulge my feelings in expressing to you my thanks for the support you have given to the chair, and, what is of more consequence, and still more gratifying to me, the support you have given to the church. At no convention, has your time been so long and constantly employed. At no convention, has more talent, learning and eloquence been exhibited. It is pleasant, and a cause for gratitude to God, to behold those powers of the mind, which have adorned and blessed our country in private and

public life, in a civil and military capacity, in congress, in the legislature, and on the bench, here brought into the service of the church. In the days of primitive Christianity it was said, *not many mighty, not many noble are called*; but may we not hope, that we have arrived at the dawn of that brighter period, of that predicted period, when the rich, and the wise, and the honourable shall embrace the gospel, and the banner of the cross shall wave triumphantly over the world?

"At no convention has there appeared more zeal and unanimity, attachment to the true principles of the church, and liberality of sentiment, and so strong a disposition to contribute generously to the support of religious institutions. This temper may be expected to draw down the blessing of Almighty God on his church. Under its influence, the church of your fathers and your affections, cannot but flourish. Her waste places will be restored; and religion, in the march of civilization to the west, will cause the wilderness and the solitary place to be glad thereof, and that moral desert to rejoice and blossom as the rose. Permit me to observe, that this zeal is the sure basis of your individual prosperity, and that of your country; for the promise of God is absolute: *Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase; so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine. Happy are the people, that are in such a case; yea, blessed are the people, who have the Lord for their God.*

"It is a pleasant reflection, that this zeal has been excited by the wants of the church, and has appeared when most needed. It seems to have been excited by the greatest calamity, which could have befallen our church. It seems as if the death of that distinguished man, our good Bishop, has excited a proper solicitude for the church in every breast,—as if every man felt himself called upon to step into the breach, and to place the church upon that elevation, which would render her, hereafter, less liable to be affected by individual deaths. May you carry this zeal to your homes, and may it spread throughout your respective parishes! May it animate the bosom of every member of the church! I cannot but consider, that this good feeling is an answer to the frequent and ardent prayers of our late Bishop,—an answer to the prayers of the pious in behalf of the church, excited by his unexpected loss,—an answer to the prayers of several of the members of the convention on this occasion.

"My brethren, the scenes of time must close:—The scenes of eternity will soon open upon us. We must all appear at another convention. At that day, weary and heavy laden with the burden of sin, I doubt not that some of you will recur, with satisfaction, to the transactions of this convention. May all of you be enabled to say: *Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and wipe not out my good deeds, which I have done for the house of my God, and the offices thereof.* It is the wish of my heart, and it shall be my ardent prayer, that every one of you may obtain mercy at that day, through Jesus Christ our Lord."